

Force and in particular, the personnel at Holloman so that this fine cooperation will continue.

One of the most vital functions of the Bureau is that of contracting for research needed in the areas of pharmacology, sociology, psychology, and education concerning drug abuse.

This contracting program is designed to obtain answers to questions involving the pharmacological effects of purported abuse products, and how methodology can be developed to predict the abuse potential of drugs; to determine the behavior of individuals who are drug abusers; to study the extent of the drug abuse problem; and to develop methods of education to prevent drug abuse. The results of such studies will be used to help us understand the nature of drug abuse, leading to more efficient control by all means that are used.

Under the reorganization, the scientific program will continue and grow. It will increase scientific effectiveness, for example, in the sociological study of LSD and marihuana and similar drug users inasmuch as these hallucinogens are being abused by the same socioeconomic segment of our population. The increase in agents under the reorganization will also increase our capability to obtain and document drug abuse injuries.

It is my conclusion that the consolidation of the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control and the Bureau of Narcotics under the Department of Justice will result in strengthening the highly important enforcement missions of both agencies. The reorganization will enhance and strengthen the capabilities of both Bureaus. There is inescapable logic in combining these two agencies with similar and often overlapping enforcement responsibilities. The Bureau of Drug Abuse Control welcomes this move and fully supports it.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman BLATNIK. Thank you, Mr. Finlator. You have indicated to some degree areas which a great deal more research is necessary to learn much more about the nature of these chemicals, what type of person uses these drugs, et cetera. In your concluding statement, is it my understanding that by combining these two agencies, it will certainly make the programs combined more effective and efficient under their existing authorities, and also within their existing limitations? There is a lot yet they will not do. What I am trying to say, we don't want to give the public an impression, as some are getting under the statements being made on behalf of Reorganization Plan No. 1, that they have inadvertently given an impression that now we have a new superduper bureau, by combining these two bureaus, and now we have the problem under control. We do not have the problem under control. Would you express your opinion on that?

Dr. LEE. Yes, sir. The purpose is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of these enforcement resources. We have major basic research questions that remain unanswered, both in terms of physiology, pharmacology, sociology, and psychology. The whole problem of alienation of young people in our society is one that we do not have adequate basic research on. We are expanding our research efforts in this area through the National Institute of Mental Health, to get a better understanding. Many young people who are alienated from society turn to drugs, either barbiturates, for you might say a drowsy high, or stimulants for a different kind of escape from this reality. We do not