

Mr. EDWARDS. It is different when you are in the same Department though, is it not?

Mr. FINLATOR. No, sir.

Mr. EDWARDS. You don't have a reasonable interchange of information there in your own Department?

Mr. FINLATOR. Yes; we have a reasonable interchange and I assure you we will have it in the new Department.

Mr. EDWARDS. May I ask if the Chairman intends to have as witnesses any of the pharmaceutical associations? Or the drug associations?

Chairman BLATNIK. They have all been asked to notify and inform the committee and they are more than welcome. The American Pharmaceutical Association, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the American Public Health and Medical Association, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers. They have all been notified, know about the hearings, and have not expressed an interest in appearing.

Mr. EDWARDS. Have they expressed any particular position?

Chairman BLATNIK. Not that I know of. There has been no indication of opposition.

Mr. EDWARDS. How about any indication of support?

Chairman BLATNIK. No support.

Mr. EDWARDS. If I may proceed then, who will control and supervise the registration of manufacturers and wholesalers, vendors, and physicians, these sort of people.

Mr. FINLATOR. If it is concerned with the narcotics and dangerous drugs, the new Bureau will.

Mr. EDWARDS. But otherwise FDA will continue to deal with these folks?

Mr. FINLATOR. Yes, sir.

Dr. LEE. The States of course license the pharmacists and pharmacies and BDAC, in determining these relationships, is working with the appropriate State agencies, and hopes, as Mr. Finlator indicated, to have all of the States involved hopefully by the end of 1969.

Mr. EDWARDS. You have a pretty good relationship with your State counterparts, do you not?

Dr. LEE. In the area of food and drug, I think that there are a number of problems at the State level. We feel they need to be strengthened in this area. And there is effort in this direction. But we have good relationships with the States.

Mr. EDWARDS. Do you think the Justice Department can have a better relationship with the States?

Dr. LEE. Well, I think in the area of law enforcement and attack on organized crime, where it is a problem of that type, I certainly think that they can have a more coordinated relationship to deal with the organized crime problem.

Mr. EDWARDS. Who would determine whether physicians are dispensing drugs in compliance with the Narcotic and Drug Abuse Control laws?

Dr. LEE. Well, we can only speak on the Drug Abuse Control laws. The Narcotics Bureau of course will be testifying subsequently.

Mr. EDWARDS. But you are apprised of what the new agency is going to do, aren't you?

Dr. LEE. Our responsibilities relate specifically to the area of drug abuse. And the new Bureau will be involved with illicit use of these