

Dr. LEE. I think that the problem that we see and the reason for the transfer, to restate it, is the efforts of organized crime to exploit these young people, to take advantage of them, to use them for their own personal profit. And certainly young people are susceptible.

Now in order to better understand those problems we of course have a National Institute of Mental Health, we have other research supported in other areas by the National Institutes of Health. The Center for Studies of Narcotic and Drug Abuse in the National Institute of Mental Health specifically directs its attention to this broad problem. Research that is being supported and conducted in the hospitals at Lexington—particularly relating to narcotic addiction and efforts to understand better the problems of narcotic addiction—involves a different socioeconomic group but the problems are no less complex than the problems relating to drug abuse.

Mr. EDWARDS. This will all come under the Attorney General?

Dr. LEE. No, sir.

Mr. EDWARDS. As I read the message, the President says the Attorney General will conduct an extensive campaign of research and a nationwide education program on drug abuse and its tragic effects.

Dr. LEE. Yes, sir. And the reorganization plan calls for transfer of the authorities in the Secretary that are related to the Drug Abuse Control Amendments of 1965, that program administered in this Bureau which Mr. Finlator heads in the Food and Drug Administration.

We have a number of other efforts relating to narcotics, relating to drug abuse, relating to studies on behavior, studies on drugs, pharmacology, physiology, psychology, sociology, that will continue to be supported in the National Institute of Mental Health and in the National Institutes of Health.

Mr. EDWARDS. Well, the plan itself says that there will be transferred so much of other functions or parts of functions as the Secretary of HEW and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare believe are identical to or necessary for the performance of the functions transferred by paragraph A of this section. How do we know what is going to be transferred?

Dr. LEE. We have described, in some detail, those functions which we are currently not proposing to transfer and which are currently under study. Specifically those personnel in the research laboratories or the scientific laboratories directly involved in the identification of the drugs.

We see no reason and it would be inappropriate, in our view, to take major program areas unrelated to the drug abuse control amendments per se and the control of the illicit trafficking in dangerous or controlled drugs and transfer those. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare supports a broad range of activities relating to public health problems.

Mr. EDWARDS. Social, educational, and health programs?

Dr. LEE. Yes, sir.

Mr. EDWARDS. As opposed to criminal enforcement.

Dr. LEE. We do not believe it is appropriate for the Department to be primarily involved in a criminal enforcement effort where organized crime is increasingly involved. This is our basic reason for supporting this transfer.