

Chairman BLATNIK. Minority counsel.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Dr. Lee, with regard to the Prettyman report, which Mr. Rosenthal referred to, is it not the case that the Prettyman report recommended that there be transferred to Health, Education, and Welfare the function with regard to determining the safety and efficacy and the regulation of narcotics and dangerous drugs?

Dr. LEE. It was a split recommendation. I don't have the report before me, but as I recall, it was a split recommendation, part to go to Health, Education, and Welfare, part to go to Justice.

It has been our view, with respect to the drug abuse—and Mr. Giordano and Mr. Hendrick can speak from the standpoint of Narcotics—that it is better to keep the total program or package together, rather than splitting those functions.

And I think Mr. Holifield made the point very well.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Is it not correct there are three aspects of the drug problem—enforcement, education, and research?

Dr. LEE. I think you could break it down in that way. Education and training I would say because you have to train them.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Well, I am looking at education in a different sense than training, so you have a fourth point. Now would you agree that to approach this problem without considering all four points on a unified plane would tend to accentuate one over the other and perhaps lessen the degree of effective unified approach towards the problem?

Dr. LEE. Well, I think that the functions within the Bureau we feel are integrated. We feel those functions should be transferred.

Now, we have other responsibilities in the Department, particularly in the Public Health Service in the Institute of Mental Health that relate to research and getting the basic information that will be involved in education programs.

This function should remain, because it is again more related to other social-psychological problems.

Mr. COPENHAVER. But as a reasonable man, would you not agree that to have an effective approach to the problem, it is better to have a unified approach which takes into account within one department, if possible, all functions—enforcement, training, education, and research? If you had your choice between separating out one of the four major points, or keeping the four major points together; which would you prefer?

Dr. LEE. Because we are primarily a health agency and concerned with public health and because we have become increasingly concerned with this organized crime problem, we have felt that it was wise to transfer the enforcement and related education, training and research authorities that were in the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control. That is a wholistic approach to this particular problem.

We wouldn't think it was wise to just transfer enforcement, and not have any education or training or not have any directed research authorities, nor have any laboratory backup for that Bureau.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Therefore you are advocating a partial transfer of research, training, education, and enforcement to one agency and a partial retention of education, research, and training and perhaps some enforcement in a separate agency?