

can better perform their somewhat different functions of scientific analysis of drugs, of medicines in general, of chemicals in general, of pharmaceutical problems, and the analysis of the effects of drugs, and the psychology and sociology of those who use drugs. They can better perform those functions if they are separated from the responsibility for enforcing laws that pertain to the protection of citizens from drug pushers and from drug abuse.

Chairman BLATNIK. I am still not clear. I am for a centralized authority, of a more comprehensive control and approach to this problem. Perhaps we are covering too much territory.

Maybe we should limit ourselves to the enforcement aspects and cover those as much as we possibly can, and somehow take care of the other medical and psychiatric and chemical problems through different agencies.

Getting back to the table of your new bureau, the economist would be at schedule V. What does that mean?

Mr. HUGHES. There are five levels of executive pay. This is the fifth level. It would be at \$28,000.

Chairman BLATNIK. How does the scale run upward? Is I higher than V?

Mr. HUGHES. I is higher than V. I is Cabinet level and is \$35,000, down to level V which is \$28,000.

Chairman BLATNIK. The reason I ask, is the Bureau of Drug Abuse Controls now in the Food and Drug Administration?

Mr. HUGHES. That is correct.

Chairman BLATNIK. The Food and Drug Administration is one of the eight operating agencies under the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the operating agencies being, for example, Public Health Service, Office of Education, Social Security Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. When we get to Treasury we find the Bureau of Narcotics, at least on the chart I have, is at the bottom.

As I interpret the chart the Bureau would be on a comparable level with the U.S. Savings Bonds Division or Bureau of the Public Debt or Bureau of the Mint; is that correct?

Mr. HUGHES. In an organizational sense that is correct.

Chairman BLATNIK. It is far down the scale, isn't it?

Mr. HUGHES. Those are the operating components of the Treasury Department that you were referring to, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman BLATNIK. If we combine a few, giving more authority, we will also elevate—

Mr. HUGHES. One of the purposes of the plan is, by consolidating, to increase the size and the capacity of the organization. It would be headed by this level V appointee, appointed by the Attorney General.

Chairman BLATNIK. The level V would be in charge of a bureau?

Mr. HUGHES. That is correct.

Chairman BLATNIK. Is that a level like the Bureau of Prisons? Would it be about that level in the organizational structure?

Mr. HUGHES. Yes, it would report directly to the Attorney General but would be one of the operating bureaus.

Chairman BLATNIK. Directly to the Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General.