

The Commission did recommend the consolidation of authority in the Attorney General to facilitate his control over crime in general and organized crime in particular.

I tried in my statement to deal with the difference in the Hoover Commission and in the Prettyman Commission recommendations.

Mr. EDWARDS. In your statement concerning the Prettyman Commission, on page 5, you state about the middle of the page:

Although the latter Commission—  
that is, Prettyman Commission—

recommended that the regulatory functions of the Bureau of Narcotics be transferred to HEW, the President after careful consideration has decided the Bureau's functions should not be split.

But in fact, the Reorganization Plan No. 1 does split the functions; does it not?

Mr. HUGHES. No. With respect to regulatory and enforcement functions, the plan proposes that the Bureau of Drug Abuse and Control and the Bureau of Narcotics in their entirety, be moved to Justice.

Mr. EDWARDS. With the exception of counterfeit drugs, I believe, in the Bureau of Drug Abuse.

Mr. HUGHES. Insofar as the counterfeit drugs are so-called dangerous drugs, they would move also, I believe.

Mr. EDWARDS. But control of drugs would stay in the FDA.

Mr. HUGHES. The nondangerous drugs—drugs handled outside the Bureau of Drug Abuse and Control—and responsibility for whatever Federal statutes require with respect to them, would remain in the Food and Drug Administration.

Mr. EDWARDS. Yet we heard considerable testimony this morning as to the continuing need for coordination between Justice and HEW, if this reorganization plan becomes effective, because there would be duties and responsibilities in both agencies still. So that there is a split. Everything is not really being transferred to the Department of Justice.

Mr. HUGHES. I think, Mr. Edwards, again the question is whether we would look at the problem of drug control and drug abuse as a law-enforcement problem or not. It is our feeling that the law-enforcement aspects of that problem can and should properly be consolidated in the Department of Justice with those other aspects of the very complex drug problem remaining where they are, essentially—in HEW as health problems, physical health, psychological health, as pharmacological problems, scientific analysis problems, and so on.

Mr. EDWARDS. The President said, not long ago, I think about February 7, that the Attorney General was going to be "Mr. Big" in crime from now on.

Mr. HUGHES. Was that his word?

Mr. EDWARDS. That is what I read in the paper. I certainly wouldn't want to misquote him. That was my recollection.

And then a month later, Reorganization Plan No. 1 was sent to the House and the Senate. Can we assume that this is a forerunner of other plans which would transfer the Alcohol and Tax Unit to the Justice Department, the Customs Bureau to the Justice Department? Do you know of any plan afoot to really make this a superagency having all crime aspects within its area of responsibility?