

nesses seem to indicate is of considerable importance and significance, the field of research—a better understanding of the nature of addiction, the chemical responses of different chemicals, the proliferation of literally families of different chemicals?

Where would those functions be centralized? If there is a need and it is good to centralize enforcement functions, would it also be necessary and better to coordinate and centralize the medical and psychological and those functions as pertain to drug use and abuse and narcotics, et cetera?

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Chairman, you can get more expert witnesses than I on this point. But I think Dr. Lee yesterday indicated the broad scope of the Food and Drug Administration's responsibilities in the general matter of identifying and referring, if necessary, for control purposes, identifying new drugs and referring them for control purposes and examination purposes to the new Bureau.

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, generally speaking, has under its set of responsibilities the collection of the kind of medical, social, pharmacological, psychiatric responsibilities which I think you are concerned with.

The short answer to your question is, we don't have a plan to consolidate those or rearrange them within HEW.

Chairman BLATNIK. Which is the major agency or department within HEW or elsewhere that does that major share of work in this area now that you spoke of?

Mr. HUGHES. Well, the Food and Drug Administration, certainly from the standpoint of drug registration and examination and analysis and so on, has fundamental responsibility. I think Dr. Lee also referred to the research that is carried on in the various Institutes of the National Institutes of Health.

He referred to the National Institute of Mental Health and the work it is doing in trying to deal with alienated kids and identify why they have in effect detached themselves from society and taken this escape.

He referred, I think, also to the Public Health Service and some of the work that it is doing. Dr. Lee has just recently been placed in charge of the health activities generally within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, so that his span of responsibility does encompass both the Food and Drug Administration and the Public Health Service, which in turn has the National Institutes of Health within it.

The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, under the terms of the statute which established the Department, does have administrative flexibility within his authorities so that he can take actions of the sort which places Dr. Lee in charge of these related health activities.

Chairman BLATNIK. Now, you mentioned the Food and Drug Administration having a major role to play in the whole field of medical research and psychiatric research in connection with the use of drugs, both safe and dangerous, as well as narcotics, yet you have under a separate division of HEW, the Public Health Service. National Institutes of Health comes under Public Health Service. National Institute of Mental Health comes under Public Health Service.