

You have quite a bit of fragmentation and dispersal of these functions within HEW itself. Would Dr. Lee be in a position to pull these together?

Mr. HUGHES. Certainly he is in a better position than he was before the reorganization. He has been given jurisdiction over those two, and I guess some other agencies of HEW. The functions of the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health and Public Health Service obviously are somewhat different.

The Food and Drug Administration has specific operating responsibilities in the area of food and drug in assuring pure food and properly tested and evaluated drugs, made up to proper standards and so on.

On the other hand, the National Institutes of Health are essentially research organizations with their focus on health research and on the basic research that is fundamental to all medical exploration.

Chairman BLATNIK. What is the National Research Council, Mr. Hughes? Where is it located?

Mr. HUGHES. The short answer, Mr. Chairman—I don't know. I would be glad to furnish an answer for the record.

Chairman BLATNIK. Would you find out for me, because I find out now the members of the American Medical Association are working on drug and alcoholic problems, drug control and drug abuse, and narcotics. Some of its members are also members of the National Research Council, and that is a Federal agency, where I don't know, and they are supposed to advise all Federal agencies and the Congress on health aspects.

It has been a long time in operation. I have just learned it exists.

Mr. HUGHES. I think it may be an adjunct of the National Institutes of Health. It may be the advisory body, the body which advises the Director and the affiliates of the Institute on grants.

Chairman BLATNIK. Just get the information for me personally, not necessarily for the record. I would appreciate it.

Mr. HUGHES. We will do that, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman BLATNIK. Thank you for standing by and being available for further questioning.

Mr. HUGHES. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.