

Mr. HOLIFIELD. In other words, they would report the need for service to you and you would apportion it wherever you thought it was most efficient to apportion it or allocate it.

Mr. CLARK. Narcotics and dangerous drug abuse investigative activities will be handled by this new agency.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. I see. They will do their own investigations?

Mr. CLARK. Yes.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. And make their reports direct to you, if it is a matter of taking legal action, of course, then you would take it to another agency?

Mr. CLARK. Yes. As a practical matter, as they send up a recommendation for prosecution, it would go to the Criminal Division, just as we currently handle prosecutions of cases investigated by the FBI, postal inspectors, and the investigative staffs of other agencies.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. If it is a matter of Community Relations Service, it would go to that?

Mr. CLARK. We would expect them to be in consultation with Community Relations Service in a number of areas, yes.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Now, I would like to go into a little more detail on the form the consolidation will take, keeping in mind that we are putting two different, separate functions, functional groups together. Are you working out the details now, or have you worked them out in order to explain to us whether there will be a commingling of functions among the staffs or will they operate separately as at the present in regard to their present missions?

Will there be a commingling of staffs and functions, or will there be a separation of staffs and functions in relation to their present procedure?

Mr. CLARK. We are trying to do what is very difficult, and that is keep an open mind and keep flexible in this area. The reason is that assuming, as I do, that this plan will become law April 8, and we will have this single investigative agency, a director will have to be appointed.

We will want to look to his experience and his judgment. He will have to live with this agency, while the rest of us will tend to pass on.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. In other words, this will be a process of, you might say, trial and experience which will indicate the allocation of functions.

Mr. CLARK. Yes. Experience will be awfully important, and it will be the best teacher. At the same time, we have already done a lot of work. Our staff that works with the planning, programing, and budgeting area has been working with the officials of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control very intensively to see where we can move immediately.

We know, for instance, that on April 8, if this plan is approved, the agents of both Bureaus would be then empowered to make arrests within the full authority of the newly consolidated Bureaus. That in itself will be a major improvement in our Federal capability, a very substantial advance.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. They will be empowered to do what?

Mr. CLARK. The agents of each bureau will be empowered to investigate and exercise the powers of the other. This will require some training or retraining.