

Mr. ERLNBORN. I would only respond to that by saying I think you were talking originally more about the number of jurisdictions rather than the division of responsibility within the jurisdictions and I think there is a value in that division of responsibility.

Let me also put my position clearly. Most of your statement is related to the value of putting the two agencies together, the Bureau of Narcotics and BDAC. And I would agree with you wholeheartedly. I don't think it makes any sense to have one agent make an investigation on narcotics and find dangerous drugs over which he has no authority. So the consolidation of the two agencies I think makes good sense. But I think there are many within the Congress who would have some question as to the final resting place of the agency, whether it should be in Justice, in Treasury, or in Health, Education, and Welfare. And good men can differ I think in their conclusions as to this. I think you have already answered that if this plan goes into effect the tax collection function would remain in the Treasury Department. Is that correct?

Mr. CLARK. That is correct.

Mr. ERLNBORN. And the question of what is a dangerous drug and whether it comes under the jurisdiction of BDAC, will that be a function that is transferred to Justice under this plan?

Mr. CLARK. Yes. That would go with enforcement—as it does now.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Do you know if in the formulation of this plan there was any consultation with local law enforcement agencies? I know there is a great deal of cooperation now both by the Bureau of Narcotics and BDAC, with local law enforcement agencies. Did you have recommendations from them?

Mr. CLARK. Certainly effective coordination with local law enforcement is a major consideration in this consolidation. In the Department of Justice we are in daily contact with local law enforcement throughout the United States, in our bureaus, in the Criminal Division, in the Attorney General's office. A week doesn't go by that I don't see chiefs of police from major cities and smaller places too, and sheriffs and others. As to whether there was any specific committee of local law enforcement agents set up, I have no knowledge.

I have a very clear feeling, based on my experience, that local law enforcement will be greatly helped by this. Take training. Both FBN and BDAC engage in the training of local law enforcement officers. We have set up for State chemists a training program beginning April 8. We have another one set for April 15 for investigative agents. For the first time, rather than having them attend two programs if they want to cover their own field of responsibility, they can go to one program where they can hear about dangerous drugs—BDAC's—and about narcotics from the same people. That is efficient. It is very good for them.

In terms of coordination in the big cities with their unified narcotics squads, it is a tremendous handicap—say, in New York, where they have more agents on narcotics in that city than Mr. Giordano has for the whole country in his field service—for them to have to go to BDAC on one case and narcotics on another. It is a severe handicap.

Mr. ERLNBORN. That argues well for consolidation. As I explained to you a minute ago, at least to my knowledge, there is no one who