

Mr. EDWARDS. So, to this extent there will still be some duplication?

Mr. CLARK. Well, yes, I guess three is more than two, though.

Mr. EDWARDS. What does that mean?

Mr. CLARK. Well, you have named three agencies who contact businessmen: Food and Drug, BDAC, and Narcotics. If you put two of them together, instead of having three, you have only two. But I don't consider it duplication really. I think their functions are substantially different. This is crime control and dangerous drug control.

Mr. EDWARDS. I believe that is all, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Reuss?

Mr. REUSS. I think you have given some very good responses so far this morning, Mr. Attorney General. I have just one additional question of you.

The activity of the Customs Bureau are not included in the reorganization plan, yet customs does of course have something to do with narcotics.

Would you address yourself to that noninclusion, and give the reasons for it?

Mr. CLARK. Yes.

Your statement is correct. The Bureau of Customs performs a function that is vital to a major responsibility of the Department of the Treasury, and that has to do with customs revenue and the flow of goods in and out of the country.

Its role in narcotics is a very, very tiny fraction of its total responsibility. On the other hand, narcotics and drugs permeate criminal activity in the United States. The chief traffickers for organized crime, most traffickers, are people with criminal records. Narcotics and drug control is a major crime control law enforcement problem. There are areas where it is the chief, most important, most difficult law enforcement problem.

The Bureau of Narcotics is not related, really, to the activities of the Department of the Treasury. It is there because originally the early acts were tax measures. But I think anyone in the country would agree that we would forego the taxes, if we could forego the narcotics problem.

It is an enforcement problem, a crime control problem, and it ought to be housed in the agency that is primarily concerned with crime control—the agency that spends most of its time and resources on crime control and that is the Department of Justice.

Mr. REUSS. Now a question at a technical level of Mr. Finlator or Mr. Giordano.

What are the relative physical, psychological and social detriments of marihuana, alcohol and tobacco?

Mr. FINLATOR. Well, I am not competent to answer that question, sir. I think that would be one you would have to ask of medical people.

Mr. GIORDANO. I cannot speak to alcohol or tobacco.

I would say that as far as marihuana is concerned, it is a very dangerous drug. In fact, the American Medical Association just came out with a very recent report in which the association concluded marihuana is a dangerous drug and that it should be controlled.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I yield to Mr. Holifield.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Attorney General, there is one statement you made, I believe, that narcotics constituted one of three major efforts