

only a narcotic or customs agent can serve a "marihuana demand form" which is used in every marihuana possession case. There have been instances where our agents have had to travel hundreds of miles to serve such forms in cases developed by the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control.

There is another area of difficulty which arises from two independent agencies being in the drug picture. This pertains to the inspection of persons and firms engaged in lawful drug activities. Currently, an agent of the Bureau of Narcotics conducting such a registrant-type investigation—of a wholesaler, pharmacy, or hospital—is only concerned with activities relating to narcotic drugs. Should indications of abusive practices arise involving dangerous drugs—barbiturates or amphetamines—our agent has no authority to take remedial action. The same is true of a BDAC agent who is conducting a similar investigation concerning dangerous drugs—if he uncovers infractions of the narcotic laws during an inspection he has no jurisdiction. The advantages of having a single agency to handle all drug matters will increase the effectiveness of inspections and will enhance the image of the government by reducing the "red tape" and duplication of functions.

An area which is presently suffering under the existing Federal dual jurisdiction is that of liaison and cooperation with State and local authorities. These local officers, who generally handle all drug violations within their jurisdictions must look to two Federal agencies for assistance, information, training, and educational material. The value of a single unified source in this area is obvious.

Another important benefit of the unification of our Bureau and BDAC is that of education regarding drug abuse. Through past experience, we have learned that it is necessary to present the whole spectrum of drug abuse to young people in a manner that they can relate to drug problems at the school and street level. By the combination of two Bureaus a broader and more comprehensive approach will be possible which will result in a more effective and unified educational program.

In recent weeks, I have been working very closely with the Attorney General and members of his staff concerning the proposed transfer of our Bureau. I wish to assure you that I look forward to this transfer with great anticipation for I sincerely believe that it is in the best interests of the people of our country.

Thank you.

Chairman BLATNIK (presiding). Thank you very much for a very fine statement. Thank you, Mr. Secretary. You have made clear the advantages that would be brought about especially in the field of administration and enforcement of both the narcotics and dangerous drugs by combining the two Bureaus.

You have heard also, Mr. Giordano, not for the first time I am sure, the emphasis or discussion in the area of medicine and public education and research and psychiatric approaches and so forth. That is not particularly in your domain, in your responsibility, but do you have any department or sections or division within your Bureau, whatever you call it, that ordinarily devotes its attention to liaison with say the National Institute of Mental Health or the Bureau of Medicine or the Public Health Service or HEW?