

Growing Drug Abuse." This may not be authoritative. But this figure interested me on the bottom of page 58: "One of the Look men said that between three and a half and 5 tons of grass marihuana was smuggled into the United States from Mexico each week."

Here they are talking of three and a half tons from Mexico alone smuggled in each week. "Little gets stopped in 3 years. U.S. Customs have seized 23,000 pounds of pot. Narcotic officials estimate Americans spend \$100 million a year on marihuana."

From your experience, does that figure have any reality to you, three and a half to 5 tons of grass smuggled into the United States each week?

Mr. HENDRICK. I would think that would come primarily under the jurisdiction of Customs. I will make a preliminary answer and then the Commissioner may have something further to say.

The figure of 25,000 pounds, which is cited there, corresponds fairly accurately with the figure which is cited in Mr. Hughes' statement of 23,716 pounds. As to the amount which is coming in, smuggled and not apprehended by Custom officials at the border or apprehended later by officials of the Bureau of Narcotics, that is anyone's guess. Maybe the Commissioner will have something to add to that. We certainly have nothing hard by way of a figure on that matter.

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Giordano, in the use of hard or addictive drugs, what has been your experience with Lexington? The Lexington facility is operated by your Bureau, is that correct?

Mr. GIORDANO. No, Mr. Chairman. That is operated by the Public Health Service.

Chairman BLATNIK. I wasn't clear on that. We are not sure of the relationships. You discussed earlier the need for preventive operation, something the new Bureau will be engaged in as your Bureau is, as has been the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control in the past year and a half. You engage in preventive aspects. The Lexington facility is to rehabilitate, after a man has gone beyond the point of no return, is that correct?

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes. They handle Federal prisoners who are addicts. They also take in voluntary patients according to their population.

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Finlator, you have nothing to do with the Lexington facility at all?

Mr. FINLATOR. No, sir.

Chairman BLATNIK. This new Bureau that we have would have some role to play in the preventive area, that is, getting information out to the proper areas, the schools, citizens, working with Federal agencies, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Public Health Service. Your primary function in the Bureau would be the enforcement of the illegal use, manufacture, sale, transportation, perhaps possession and use of what is called dangerous drugs and the narcotic addictive drugs. Do you have any samples or illustrations of what you do in the way of preventive work?

Mr. GIORDANO. I have brought some material here that Mr. Henderson asked me to gather together, educational-type material. Here is a new booklet that we prepared last month, "The Dangers of Marihuana, Facts You Should Know," that we are distributing to the students. We are doing this through the National Educational Association.