

not, depends upon who is in charge. If you have sensible people in charge, they will work together whether they are in the same department or in two different departments.

Take, for example the Bureau of Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Service. Those two Bureaus, which, of course, are in separate departments, work together at the border stations, and their cooperation is excellent. There again, there was a period in the past when the cooperation was not too good. But certainly from the last few years and in the foreseeable future, they are excellent.

Mr. EDWARDS. Of course, our Government, being what it is, we all depend upon the human element when you say "depending upon who is in charge," I think we all understand that. Who is going to be in charge?

Mr. HENDRICK. In charge of Customs and Narcotics, you will have in charge of Customs for the foreseeable future, Commissioner Lester Johnson. In charge of the new Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, whoever it is that is appointed by the Attorney General.

Mr. EDWARDS. So you are speculating a little when you say it will work as well depending on who is in charge?

Mr. HENDRICK. That's perfectly true.

Mr. EDWARDS. Therefore, there is no guarantee that there is going to be as good coordination as there is today between Narcotics and Customs?

Mr. HENDRICK. By the same token, it is always possible that poor Commissioner Giordano may drop dead tomorrow, and then we get in the interim between now and the reorganization plan becoming effective, we get a very violent successor who fights all the time with the Commissioner of Customs, and you have poor cooperation.

Mr. EDWARDS. But at the present time, you have that situation within the same department under the same Special Assistant for enforcement, where these problems can be solved if something should happen to Mr. Giordano and he were the head of the new Bureau in Treasury. Therefore, you would have the Customs in one agency and the new Bureau in another and the problems are not that easily solved; are they?

Mr. HENDRICK. I have great confidence in the American form of government and in the sensible character of most people who are leaders in the government.

Mr. EDWARDS. Certainly, I do too, Mr. Hendrick. I'm trying to suggest relative problems, problems where Customs and Narcotics are in the same department, and where they are in different departments. I'm speaking purely from a relative standpoint.

It is obvious to me, at any rate, perhaps not to you, that two coordinating agencies in the same department can be better coordinated than they can in different departments. This is why you are supporting the proposal to put BDAC and Narcotics together; is it not?

Mr. HENDRICK. That's partly the reason for our support. In addition, there are various legal points which have been brought out heretofore in the testimony, such as the inability of BDAC to act legally in the marihuana case, the inability of the Bureau of Narcotics to act in an LSD case, which are very persuasive.

Mr. EDWARDS. I don't think we are in disagreement with that argument. Certainly, I agree with you. The question is really where it should go.