

I like your department. I gather from what you say, that if it were in your department, with the merged entity, that it could be coordinated. I'm not asking you to take sides. I'm just saying that if it were there it could be coordinated, couldn't it?

Mr. HENDRICK. I think I would be almost a traitor to the Treasury Department if I didn't say "Yes."

Mr. EDWARDS. Have you had any problems with the coordination of efforts insofar as the Coast Guard is concerned since it was transferred?

Mr. HENDRICK. I have had very little to do with the Coast Guard since the time that it went under the Department of Transportation. We have Coast Guard people still coming to our enforcement school and getting educated there.

Of course, we don't have the Coast Guard plane anymore. But after all, we can get transportation otherwise. Not quite so plush.

Mr. EDWARDS. I have been in a Coast Guard plane and I don't recall it being plush.

Mr. HENDRICK. That depends upon which one. [Laughter.]

Mr. EDWARDS. Maybe they put me in the troop carrier. Let's move on then to the Internal Revenue Service, which is another agency within Treasury that has in the past, and I presume in the future will have the need of coordination with Narcotics. Have you had good coordination in the past within Treasury between these two agencies?

Mr. HENDRICK. Yes. That has been very easy. It would have been almost impossible to have had coordination. But the problems were quite different from the problems with respect to Customs and Narcotics.

Internal Revenue collects the taxes and Narcotics does the enforcement. It is so easy that even if people had wanted to be nasty, I don't think they could have succeeded.

Mr. EDWARDS. Internal Revenue Service, of necessity, is involved and interested in the question of organized crime; is it not?

Mr. HENDRICK. Yes.

Mr. EDWARDS. Many of our organized crime suspects have been brought to justice because Internal Revenue Service found a tax law that they had violated, isn't that correct?

Mr. HENDRICK. That's correct. It is also true with many of the organized crime characters who have been brought to justice because of the Bureau of Narcotics. Genovese, Valacci and many others.

Mr. EDWARDS. That brings my point back to the forefront, that here was the need for close coordination. You say there has been this coordination. If Narcotics is moved to Justice, will there be the same relative coordination?

Mr. HENDRICK. Right now organized crime is being handled principally by the Department of Justice, making use of strike forces. You have a Department of Justice lawyer or set of lawyers and they will have work for them, agents from the Bureau of Narcotics, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Customs, and Secret Service, and also Labor and SEC. What will happen is that agents from each of these Bureaus will be assigned to work under a Department of Justice attorney, and they go after an organized crime family. This has happened in Buffalo, extremely successfully. They went after Mogadino family. One of the