

To go back to the delicate relationship that we have, I wonder whether this relationship is going to be tainted—and I will put that in quotes—by the transfer of Narcotics to Justice headed by the Attorney General, whoever he may be. Not the present one.

What are foreigners going to think about this? Are we going to continue to have the same ability to keep the confidence of these people; whether your local officials in the foreign country are all of a sudden going to be a little harder to talk to and work with because of this relationship.

These are things that disturb me. I don't know that you can give me an answer.

Mr. HENDRICK. I would say that in general the ignorance shown by other countries of our own organizational makeup is profound. I think that in most cases after this transfer takes effect that the foreign governments just won't know that it has taken effect, or if they do know they couldn't care less.

I can't rule out the possibility that some foreign government, just wanting to make trouble, would say these agents are perfectly acceptable to us as long as they represent the taxing power, but if you are going to send us agents who represent the prosecuting—or who are associated so intimately with the prosecuting department, thank you very much but we don't want them.

I don't think that any such claim would be made sincerely.

Mr. EDWARDS. I am not concerned, Mr. Hendrick, so much with the government of any foreign country as I am with the people who support that government.

All of us, whether we live in a democracy, a republic, or any other kind of country where we are chosen by the people back home, where we have to answer to the people back home, are therefore responsive to the people back home. This is true in foreign countries as well as in this country.

If this image is not as good as Treasury's image, there are certain people in the countries who will make that known, and we will hear about it.

I am not suggesting the President or Prime Minister of a foreign country is going to change his immediate attitude one bit. I look at the long-range relationship.

Mr. HENDRICK. I don't think this is likely. No. 1, if the ignorance of most foreign governments in regard to our makeup is profound, that is all the more true of most citizens of foreign countries. And, number two, the existence of these offices, the presence of these narcotics agents in the foreign countries, is not generally known. It is something we don't want to publicize and which the foreign governments don't want to talk about either.

Could I say one thing further? I want to apologize, Mr. Edwards, for having maybe given the indication that the moonshine industry was principally a problem in the South of this country. I recall now that some of our most important cases were in and about New York City.

Mr. EDWARDS. That is all right, Mr. Hendrick. I know that most people think that Barney Google and Snuffy Smith come from the South. I happen to know they come from upper Ohio.

[Laughter.]