

of Narcotics with BDAC. I agree with you wholeheartedly. I am certain Mr. Edwards does, too, and Mr. Brown, the three of us, who sponsored a resolution, all agree this merger should take place. We will have more efficient operations as a result of the merger. Our reservations are as to where the merged organization should be housed. There is no question Government organization sometimes considers personalities.

Mr. Giordano, the Attorney General made the statement here yesterday that our Federal organization and technique must provide a model for State and local law enforcement. Since you are working in close coordination with local law enforcement agencies throughout this country, do you have any States that have their investigative function located in the attorney general's office or comparable official of the State?

Mr. GIORDANO. There are several. I can tell you right off, that California, Florida, Michigan have done so. Also, New York just recently transferred the enforcement functions and all from the department of health to the State police, in the attorney general's office.

Mr. ERLBORN. The State police are located in the attorney general's office?

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes. They are now enforcing the narcotics laws of New York.

Chairman BLATNIK. Will the gentleman yield?

Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Giordano?

Mr. GIORDANO. And Illinois.

Mr. ERLBORN. In Illinois the State police are separate from the attorney general?

Mr. GIORDANO. No. There is a narcotic division.

Mr. ERLBORN. Within the attorney general's office?

Mr. GIORDANO. Within the attorney general's office in Illinois, formed about 1957 or 1958.

Mr. ERLBORN. Is this the principal agency with which you work in Illinois in investigations and the rest involving narcotics?

Mr. GIORDANO. That and the local police. At the State level it is the Illinois Narcotics Division, and of course Chicago has a narcotics division within the police department.

Mr. ERLBORN. The general pattern, however, is for the police function to be separated from the prosecutor's function, is it not?

Mr. GIORDANO. I think the investigatory part has always been separated from the prosecutor's. That can still be done within the same department.

Mr. ERLBORN. I have no other questions. Thank you.

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Holifield?

Mr. HOLIFIELD. I have been interested in the discussion this morning. As I listened to the responses of the witnesses I gathered that there are about 300 enforcement agents involved in this transfer?

Mr. GIORDANO. We have 305, and I understand BDAC has 300. So when they are combined it will be 600.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. They will be transferred into Justice, as I understand it.