

Mr. GIORDANO. That is correct, Mr. Holifield.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. There is no thought of discharging all of these 600 or any proportionate part of them and recruiting new people, is there?

Mr. GIORDANO. No. Everybody—not only including the agents but the clerical help—our Bureau, for example, with 468 people, 305 being agents, will be transferred.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. There has been testimony regarding the covert informers in different nations throughout the world. Those people will remain the same?

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. They are covert and the people they are dealing with I would think, if they are dealing with other government agents, would not know exactly what their connections were with the law enforcement, would they?

Mr. GIORDANO. Let me clarify this. Our agents over there are known to the enforcement authorities.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Of the nation?

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes. They also, in cooperation with these enforcement authorities, work undercover. So they are not widely known. The foreign ministry is aware of the fact they are there because they become accredited, and the enforcement people know.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. As far as the general public is concerned, I would assume that they are under some kind of cover, just like the CIA agents that are operating in different countries throughout the world. They have a cover, a front, I suppose, which is completely different from the general concept of what their duties are.

Mr. GIORDANO. The general public in the countries where we operate, in most cases, don't associate our people with the operations. They may find a foreigner there. Most of the time the work we are doing is attributed to the Interpol agent.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. And the informers that come to these undercover agents as a rule are rewarded in one way or another. If they are citizens they are rewarded I suppose in a monetary way for valuable information. If there is a tipoff that there is a shipment of cocaine coming in by a certain method, and the informer brings that information in, he is rewarded I suppose financially. He has a financial interest in it?

Mr. GIORDANO. That is correct, Mr. Holifield. And of course it depends upon the success of the operation as the case develops.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. If we are going to have a transfer of people with all of the appurtenances and different lines of covert and open assistance, that will remain the same. There will be no reason to disturb the organization just because they will be getting their checks from the Department of Justice instead of the Treasury?

Mr. GIORDANO. The only change that actually may be brought to the attention of the local enforcement authorities is that the name "and Dangerous Drugs" has been added to the Bureau of Narcotics.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. I can't follow the fears of the collapse of law enforcement just because it is going to come under a different head of Government, and a different agency is going to pay their wages. As long as the organization remains intact and the two are merged together and function very closely with each other in informing each