

Mr. GIORDANO. This is not only our view, but this is a view that is held worldwide. The Commission of Narcotic Drugs, that meets in Geneva every year, they have a strong feeling that marihuana is a stepping stone to stronger drugs.

Mr. REUSS. Of those 2,000 narcotic users of your sample in Lexington, how many of those had a previous history of using nicotine? Tobacco.

Mr. GIORDANO. I wouldn't know, Mr. Reuss.

Mr. REUSS. How many had a previous history of using alcohol?

Mr. GIORDANO. I wouldn't know, because the study related to those to determine—

Mr. REUSS. May I suggest—

Mr. GIORDANO. It was determined how they got started in using drugs. And the determination—and this was based on what the individual in the institute had to say of how he started. I am sure alcohol must have been included. They would have asked.

Mr. REUSS. Would you furnish them?

Mr. GIORDANO. If we can get them, I would be happy to. This was, How did you get started? Did you start with heroin? Did you start using barbiturates or what? It was marihuana in the majority.

Mr. REUSS. A study rather conclusively demonstrated that German measles is acquired from riding bicycles.

[Laughter.]

Mr. REUSS. I do want to see exactly the methodology used. I think we can all agree and stipulate that more studies are needed.

Mr. GIORDANO. I have the study here and will provide it for the record. It was done by the Department of Behavioral Science, University of Kentucky Medical School, in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health.

Mr. REUSS. I would ask that this be made a part of the record, too.

Chairman BLATNIK. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(The study referred to, entitled "Studies on Tetrahydrocannabinol," is retained in the files of the subcommittee.)

Chairman BLATNIK. There being no further questions, Mr. Giordano, we thank you and your assistants very much.

Mr. GIORDANO. Thank you.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Edwards?

Mr. EDWARDS. It is not my intention to prolong this line. I have four questions that I would like to ask Mr. Finlator before he leaves.

Chairman BLATNIK. Fine.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Finlator, in the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control, there is the Division of Drug Studies and Statistics, headed up according to your chart by J. P. Smith, doctor of philosophy. Is that correct?

Mr. FINLATOR. He is a psychologist.

Mr. EDWARDS. What does that division do?

Mr. FINLATOR. It does several things. It is a division that was designed between FDA, NIMH, and HEW, to place within the law enforcement body, BDAC itself, a kind of a new look at crime enforcement, to try to understand some of the problems that we were going to have with the new drugs, dangerous drugs, and those that we knew