

could, if wrongly placed, do great harm to what follows. We also set our goals for certain times and then find ourselves putting reports out later on. But we have on occasion found that we had to, in fact, put out a report earlier, rather than later.

Dr. COOKE. We have considered that point very seriously with regard to the pesticide portion of the original submission. We decided, in terms of the depth and reliability of the information then available versus the apparent lack of immediate pressure and need in that area, that we would be more serving, better serving, by waiting until other sections were completed.

The point is, we actually seriously considered publishing a part of the report before completing all of the report.

Mr. DADDARIO. But the fact still remains, while you gentlemen who have such competence in this area have great concern about certain of these problems, standards are in fact being set.

Dr. COOKE. We get the message. I agree.

Mr. DADDARIO. Now, your work, in the preparation of this report, involved people from universities, industry, and the agencies. Has the opportunity come up within that framework to come to some judgment about inadequacy of information available to you or what the government agencies find inhibiting them from doing an efficient job?

Has this been part of the discussions?

This gets back again to the management question which I raised earlier.

Dr. COOKE. Yes, it will be part of the report.

Mr. DADDARIO. And will be part?

Mr. COOKE. Yes.

Mr. DADDARIO. Dr. HARRIS, do you have any comment on the point I raised with reference to standards being set at this time, when you gentlemen are still wrestling with what ought to be done?

Dr. HARRIS. We are always aware of the need for standards but are concerned about standards based on poor data. It is always easier to put in standards than to get them revised later.

I, for one, have taken very much to heart your suggestions, and will see what we can do by way of testing any of our knowledge in order to speed up developments.

Mr. DADDARIO. One point that seems to follow here: Do you have any suggestion about what States ought to be doing that are under the gun with certain time limits? If they do not establish the standards, conflicts then arise as to what ought to be done. Taking into consideration the problems we have in establishing the criteria, should it, in fact, be held in abeyance or would it be better to go ahead with the information we presently have on hand and then wrestle with the problem of readjusting standards at a later time?

Dr. HARRIS. That is a very broad order. We are in the position of making the decision as to whether you freeze a model and build a DC-3, or do you wait until you are ready to build a jetplane.

Technically you are better off building the DC-3, gaining experience, continuing R. & D., go on to the DC-4, and eventually to the jetplane or SST.

Mr. DADDARIO. I don't know whether I go along with the analogy.

Dr. HARRIS. But the DC-3 was valid.