

Mr. DADDARIO. Your explanation is certainly valid. You have a dilemma. You may have worked out a wise solution to it. But nonetheless, there are problems.

Dr. COOKE. There are many problems there.

Dr. HARRIS. Correct.

Mr. DADDARIO. Dr. Price, you seem to have something to say.

Dr. PRICE. I am just agreeing with that. The problem that we have had to face, and as chairman of this committee, I felt particularly this way, that since this will perhaps be the first major report that we will issue, it is especially important to establish the value and credibility of our efforts to have it carefully documented. We may have been a little too conservative.

I think maybe you understand, since this will be perhaps the first major effort this new committee has made, we have taken a fairly conservative position.

Mr. DADDARIO. Despite questions I raised, I am extremely heartened by what has been done. I raised the questions, because it is my responsibility to come to some kind of an understanding about this.

Do any of you, or your colleagues, have any further remarks?

Dr. PRICE. In closing, all I would like to say is that we appreciate the opportunity that this gives us to be made aware of the major needs that you people are facing up with, and I hope it will also help inspire us to make sure that we do all we can. We need inspiration to see what we can do to help solve these problems. I think these hearings are a little bit of a needle for us to make sure we accept our responsibilities in this area.

We appreciate the needle.

Mr. DADDARIO. The meetings weren't put together for that purpose, however.

Dr. PRICE. But that is a purpose they will serve.

Dr. COOKE. We understand you.

Dr. PRICE. We made notes of many of the important questions.

Mr. DADDARIO. We certainly appreciate your coming and your cooperation.

Thank you.

Dr. PRICE. Thank you very much.

Dr. COOKE. Thank you.

Mr. DADDARIO. Our next witness is Mr. Ron M. Linton. Would you please come forward?

He is with the Task Force on Environmental Health and Related Problems, of HEW.

We are pleased to have you here, Mr. Linton.

Mr. LINTON. It is a pleasure to be with you.

I prepared a statement which I submit to you for the record, Mr. Chairman. At your pleasure, I could either read it or proceed to discuss it.

Mr. DADDARIO. Why don't you use your own judgment and handle it any way you like?

Mr. LINTON. All right.

(The biography of Ron M. Linton follows:)