

Dr. MORSE. There is no question.

Mr. DADDARIO. Connecticut, for example, tobacco.

Dr. MORSE. And fruits and vegetables in California and Florida.

Mr. DADDARIO. We have gone to tremendous studies of the need to develop new strains of tobacco to overcome this particular problem. You go to the experimental station in New Haven, you can see the pock marks that come up in your tobacco leaf because of polluted air.

Dr. MORSE. This is why I would like to be more responsive when we say we need more quantitative data. Recommendation No. 1 of our report sounds perhaps a bit bland but as a nation we should recognize the great advantage of really having a kind of life that is pleasant and not put a dollar sign on clean air. In every airport we now have a haze, a brown smoke in some cases. Is that good? A whole generation of Americans now have never seen the clear clean air that is now only available in relatively remote nonurban areas of the United States.

Mr. DADDARIO. Everything you said, of course, Dr. Morse proves out that you are not in the camp of those that believe we ought to develop a tolerance for this. The fact we develop new and additional strains of tobacco all the time to meet this is not the answer to it.

I am particularly impressed with the way in which you have come to some judgments in a very difficult area. It does give us, you know, dealing in the environmental area here today, some opportunity to look into how you have assessed this situation. The Congress is concerned at the moment about being able to develop for itself a technology assessment capability, because the legislative process begins to involve more and more scientific-technical problems. You have looked ahead with very little really to go on and I think this has been an extremely commendable fact. I raised some questions, and will have other questions to raise as to how these problems can be better approached in the future.

I'm particularly pleased that you have come to give us a hand here again. We have strayed away a bit from some of the things that we wanted to talk to you about, but this morning has been very helpful.

Any questions?

Mr. FELTON. No.

Mr. DADDARIO. Thank you, Dr. Morse.

This committee will adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

(Whereupon, the hearing was ended at 11:50 a.m.)