

little bit. I already agreed to have it inserted in the record shortly after the termination of these hearings.

Mr. HORTON. That, I would assume, would point out also your concern with H.R. 10407?

Dr. LEGAULT. Yes, sir.

Mr. HORTON. I don't have any questions.

Mr. SISK. The gentleman from Indiana?

PSYCHOTHERAPY

Mr. JACOBS. I only have a brief inquiry to make, Dr. Legault.

I want to thank all of you doctors for appearing this morning.

With reference to your prepared text on page 5, where you say that the training of psychologists is always restricted to the psychotherapeutic aspects of the treatment, I had some trouble with the term "psychotherapeutic" when the psychologists were testifying. I thought perhaps it was a rather broad term and included activity beyond the admitted sphere of competent activity by psychologists. Is my alarm well founded?

Your statement indicates that psychotherapy perhaps is the exclusive province of psychologists?

Dr. LEGAULT. No; if it indicated that, Mr. Congressman, I misspoke. What I meant by that was that the training of the psychologists in an in-hospital situation in the performance of psychotherapy, he is not trained in anything else in the hospital, with the exception of certain specific psychological things, such as testing and so forth. So far as his quasimedical activities are concerned, his training is restricted to psychotherapy. It is understood that a doctor is trained to do many other things besides this.

Mr. JACOBS. Doctor, aren't some of the things that an M.D. alone is competent to perform properly classified as psychotherapy?

Dr. LEGAULT. Yes; that is what I was coming to.

Also, there are certain forms of psychotherapy and certain psychotherapeutic measures, and particularly psychotherapy with certain types of patients that are not the province of psychologists. In a hospital setting, a psychologist is never permitted to do psychotherapy with any patient apart from being supervised actively by a physician. Certain types of patients a psychologist will never treat, or rarely treat, but I wouldn't want to say that they never treat. That is an exaggeration.

I personally have supervised the psychologists in treating a schizophrenic, which is a very serious form of mental illness. This is a rarity. Generally speaking we do not train psychologists to perform those functions.

Mr. JACOBS. What did this Jack-of-all-trades psychologist call his profession?

Dr. LEGAULT. The reason I didn't want to say his name is I didn't want to be sued.

Mr. JACOBS. Not his name.

Dr. LEGAULT. He called his activity dynaphetics.

Mr. JACOBS. Dynaphetics.

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. SISK. Yes.