

APPENDIX "D"

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Ottawa, Ontario
MARCH 8th, 1967.

Miss Gabrielle Savard,
Clerk of the Special Committee
on Drug Costs and Prices,
Room 406, West Block,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Miss Savard,

Re: Submission of the Province of Alberta

During the questioning of Dr. Steele in the Committee on February 14th, he quoted a statement made by Dr. Walter Modell of Cornell University to the Kefauver Committee concerning new diseases brought about by the untoward effect of drug therapy. The passage in Dr. Steele's brief dealing with this reads as follows:

"Dr. Walter Modell of the Cornell University Medical School commented that some 40-odd new diseases had been identified as brought about by the untoward effects of drug therapy. (9a)"

Dr. Rynard expressed the view that Dr. Steele's statement was not put in its proper perspective and introduced a wrong impression.

It has occurred to me that it would be best to place before the Committee the full text of what Dr. Modell said to the Kefauver Committee. I apologize to the Committee for not having done so when the discussion was taking place in the Committee.

Dr. Walter Modell, Director of Clinical Pharmacology and Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Cornell University Medical College, appeared before the Kefauver Subcommittee on July 20th, 1961. The part of his testimony to which Dr. Steele was making reference appears at page 317 of Part 1 of the Hearings record:

"Senator Kefauver. All right, Doctor, proceed.

"Dr. Modell. Thus, there are sins of omission as well of commission as a result of insecurity and lack of precise knowledge of drugs. And the sins—both kinds—are visited on the patients.

"How often is there real trouble? Much too often. It was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association 5 years ago, when it was under the aegis of Dr. Austin Smith, that in one large New York hospital 5 percent—i.e., 1 of every 20 patients, was admitted as the result of the sanctioned and well intentioned use of some drug for either treatment or