

## EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, June 2, 1964.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen I see a quorum and we will start the meeting now, please.

I should first of all like to read a letter to the committee which I have received from the Cyanamid of Canada Limited. The letter reads as follows:

On behalf of our Company, I have a proposal to make that I suggest should be helpful to your committee's study on the safety of drugs. The proposal is in two parts, each having direct bearing on the other.

1. That the members of your committee accept the invitation of Cyanamid of Canada Limited to spend one day at the Lederle Research Laboratories at Pearl River, N.Y. Cyanamid will provide private planes owned by our parent Company to fly your group from Ottawa to Pearl River on Tuesday, July 7, and return them to Ottawa that same evening. The facilities of our parent Company for medical research are among the largest in the world and your members would, without doubt, derive great benefit as well as good information from extremely competent personnel who would be made available.
2. Cyanamid of Canada is willing to assist your Committee by way of the preparation of a brief dealing with the safety of drugs and to submit it in both English and French. We would be prepared to appear before your Committee on July 10 to answer questions relative to the brief. We believe that our appearance before your Committee would have more meaning if it were on a date immediately following the visit to Pearl River. In addition to representatives of Cyanamid of Canada Limited, we are prepared to invite senior personnel from American Cyanamid Company to appear with us and suggest such people as Dr. Kitchfield, Director of Medical Research, and one or two others of equal stature in their specified fields as they apply to the subject under discussion.

We are most anxious to assist your Committee to reach reasonable conclusions on this important subject, and are prepared to make every effort to help you.

The CHAIRMAN: That is the correspondence I have received, gentlemen.

In keeping with that correspondence, we had a meeting of the steering committee on Wednesday, May 27, in my office which was attended by Dr. Rynard Dr. Howe, Dr. Marcoux, Mr. Mitchell and myself. We discussed the agenda and your steering committee agreed to present the following as its second report.

Your steering subcommittee recommends that the committee accept the invitation of Cyanamid of Canada Limited to visit the Lederle Research Laboratories at Pearl River, New York, provided that the House of Commons is in session at that date.

Mr. MACKASEY: What day of the week is that, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: July 7 is a Tuesday and the company would present a brief here on the following Friday, July 10. This arrangement is, of course,