

APPENDIX "B"

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Dr. H. C. Harley, M.P.,
Chairman,
Special Committee on Drug Costs and Prices,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Harley:

This letter is submitted jointly by the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties and the Canadian Association of Deans of Pharmacy. The former is an organization of the eight university schools and faculties and is representative of all members of teaching staffs. The latter is representative of the administrative heads of these same schools and faculties of pharmacy.

Having knowledge that the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association presented a brief to and appeared before your Special Committee, and in consideration of the special area the Committee was charged to investigate, our organizations had not contemplated making a submission. However, in view of statements made to the Committee, and particularly certain statements by Mr. S. S. Bass of Vancouver in a brief and in his evidence when appearing before the Committee on November 17, 1966, it is now deemed desirable to place the following views of our organizations on the record. Because we are aware that the work of the Committee is now in its final stages, we will content ourselves with a very brief statement pertaining to two matters which are directly related to pharmaceutical education.

The Extent of Pharmaceutical Education required by Modern Pharmacists

In his brief (pp. 1319 and 1320) Mr. Bass is critical of the present course of studies and recommends that it be "reduced to two years from the existing five". In the evidence on page 1289 and again on page 1298 there is reference to this subject and what appears to be some measure of agreement by one member of the Committee.

For the record, it first should be stated that the present course of studies comprises four academic years subsequent to senior matriculation (or its equivalent). This is the requirement accepted by the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties. Our organizations adhere firmly to the view that a four-year university course is the minimum essential to the training of a pharmacist.

Of interest, in the above connection, is the fact that a five year baccalaureate programme became effective in 1960 as the minimum requirement in the member colleges of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. In view of