



United States Senate

PETE'S ROBO--
Goddard resignation

January 22, 1968

Dear :

This is in response to your request for the resignation of Dr. James L. Goddard, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

After receiving your letter I notified the Food and Drug Administration requesting an explanation of recent press reports concerning Dr. Goddard's statement about "closing the corner drugstore". They have informed me and I quote:

Dr. Goddard does not favor or endorse any proposal for closing neighborhood pharmacies. Dr. Goddard noted in New York that some pharmacy schools are training their graduates for eventual work as drug 'therapy advisors'. He suggested that the pharmacist is emerging as a 'therapeutic advisor' to both patient and physician and forecast continuing changes in the pharmacist's role if 'one could look twenty years into the future'.

I appreciate having your opinion and am sorry there is nothing further that I can do.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen