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Our appointment was with Bud Scanlon, who, in turn introduced us to Dr. Miller their expert on safety. He is the assistant to the assistant secretary of labor, Dr. Bingham.

Dr. Miller explained what OSHA was trying to do toward improving safety in industry. He called in Wendel Glasier, who is in charge of agriculture standards. Mr. Glasier was asked about the "Potty Program". He explained that the proposal was just that, a proposal. It was made and they wanted feed back from the public on it. They really got it. 1100 written comments, some were favorable. The conclusion was that there would be nothing done about it.

The agriculture Standards board is a 15 member committee. It was disbanded last year and not active at the present time. There will be no new rules coming out of that committee. When asked what he did now if his office was not active, Mr. Glasier said he helped around in other places.

We told OSHA they had a bad name in our country. The answer was they were aware of that. They are trying to get out of the knit-picking, and get on to bigger industry. Their problem had been over-zealous inspectors.

They have some jurisdiction in chemical control. Mostly to figure out if it is harmful to you. EPA has control of the whole field of pesticides and insecticides.

We asked why the pamphlet was ever put out on cattle that sounded like you were talking to a 5 year old. This was explained as a very unfortunate set of circumstances.

This pamphlet was entitled "Safety with Beef Cattle." It was printed in three versions. Standard, Spanish and what is called low-literate. It just so happened the low-lit version came off the press first. And that's the one that got the publicity.

There were about 20 pamphlets, slides, and movies that were to be made. This was a program that was prepared by Purdue University. The whole program was canceled because of the bad publicity on the low-lit version.

Our reception was very cordial and they were in sympathy with our problems. They listened and learned about our plight.