

Blum: What was Bill Hassam's responsibility?

Honda: He was an administrator, but his training was as a doctor. He was in the administrative staff for AHC. He was their central spokesman. There was a specific group called AHC Center. They controlled the whole project. Bill Hassam was with Peter Bent Brigham Hospital—he was a pharmacologist—but Dr. Hassam was also in charge of administering all of the planning. He worked with us and also had the job of administering at Peter Bent Brigham. Robert Breck Brigham had its own staff—again, it was a separate hospital—and then there was the Boston Lying-In, or the Women's Hospital. They were all being administered to by AHC.

Blum: So the AHC was the umbrella organization?

Honda: Yes, yes. Dick Wittrup was head of AHC.

Blum: You were there as a group. Who was the head of your team? Who dealt with the people from the Affiliated Hospital Center when you did this study?

Honda: Well, Bud did most of the contact with the AHC people, that's who Dick Wittrup went to. We, the peons, dealt with each of these various functioning departments within the hospitals and we crawled all over the hospitals. We did one hospital at a time.

Blum: Were you all there all the time for five years?

Honda: We went there... Out of two weeks, we spent eleven straight days there and we came home for three days.

Blum: For five years?