

Mr. BALEIKO. That is right. It doesn't necessarily make one graph. You read a dial on that type instrument, although I understand there are some improved models where they might create a chart of this one phase.

Mr. HARDY. When did the Post Office Department first start using those?

Mr. MONTAGUE. In 1950.

Mr. HARDY. 1950?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARDY. That has been a long time ago, to be using something that is the weakest among the so-called lie detectors, if I understand the thing.

I have one other question.

Does the Post Office Department use the General Services Administration for the disposal of surplus equipment?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARDY. Then how does it happen that you disposed of these lie detector things through your own operations instead of through GSA?

Mr. MONTAGUE. This is the manner in which our service disposes of it, to the property officer in the regional office. He may dispose of it then through GSA. He handles all the surplus property, not just from our—

Mr. HARDY. Do you have special statutory authority to dispose of surplus of your own without going through GSA? What did we set up GSA for, is what is in the back of my head. This thing you were discussing a while ago, frankly, I have the impression that you have a very loose disposal arrangement and I hope it is not so.

Mr. MONTAGUE. It isn't so. The position in the region is specifically for that purpose. It is an administrative position to handle surplus equipment, and then to dispose of it in the most profitable manner possible. If it can be sold, that is done, or if it can be sent to a place where it can be used, that is done.

But I would like to point out there that these machines were 13 years old and they cost about \$175 each to start with, back in 1950.

Mr. HARDY. They may not have had any particular value. As a matter of fact, I doubt that they had any when you got them. But at any rate, you did have them and some of us who helped to establish the General Services Administration thought that one of the functions which we were providing for them was the handling and disposing of things of this kind.

Anyway, I think I am going to want to know a little more about this and why the GSA was not brought into the picture. What is the specific statutory authority that the Post Office Department has for disposal of this equipment is the remaining question.

Thank you.

Mr. Moss. The staff will be instructed to develop that information and supply it to Mr. Hardy for inclusion in the record.

(The information referred to appears as appendix 30, p. 505.)

Mr. Moss. Mr. Meader?

Mr. MEADER. Mr. Montague, I noticed that there were 475 polygraph examinations given during fiscal year 1963.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEADER. How many of those were of postal employees?