

Mr. MONTAGUE. If there was any question in our minds, we would do the same as we do in all other investigations. We would go to someone who is qualified to know, someone in a university. For example, in New York we would probably go to N.Y.U. or Fordham.

Mr. MOSS. Let's take a more remote community where there is no university and where there is not a very large police department. You do have post offices in such communities and you do have crimes occur in those post offices?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir.

Mr. MOSS. So where in New York you might have vast resources to draw upon, in some more remote area you might not have those same resources. This is the thing that troubles me. The best qualified operator in New York might, indeed, be well qualified, but the best qualified operator in some less populous area might be very meagerly or inadequately qualified and still constitute the best qualified man available in that community.

That is why it seems to me that if we are to use these, the Department should have a criteria at least spelling out minimums that would match its own qualification requirements for its own operators. Is that unreasonable?

Mr. MONTAGUE. No, that is a good suggestion, Congressman. We can very well incorporate it into our instructions.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Kass.

Mr. KASS. Mr. Baleiko, you said you gave all the polygraph exams in the so-called great mail robbery in Plymouth?

Mr. BALEIKO. Yes, sir; so far as I know.

Mr. KASS. Were these polygraph examinations given in any particular location?

Mr. BALEIKO. In an office in the Federal Building in Boston.

Mr. KASS. In a specially prepared polygraph room?

Mr. BALEIKO. No, it was an office that was vacant at the time. It was not what you would call a specially prepared polygraph interrogation room, if you have reference to some of the typical polygraph examination rooms that might be used by police or other agencies. It was an office room.

Mr. KASS. Were there any two-way mirrors?

Mr. BALEIKO. No, sir.

Mr. KASS. Were there any recording devices present?

Mr. BALEIKO. No, sir.

Mr. KASS. Are there any such devices in the Post Office Department?

Mr. MONTAGUE. We have no special facilities. We do not use such rooms. We do not make recordings of polygraph examinations.

Mr. MOSS. What type of lighting did it have, incandescent or fluorescent?

Mr. BALEIKO. Fluorescent.

Mr. MOSS. Are you aware of the fact that expert testimony before this committee indicates that fluorescent lighting can interfere with the normal operating pattern of these devices?

Mr. BALEIKO. I know that it can have an effect in some instances on the GSR. The output of the light fixture, itself, can become involved in the galvanometer reaction, either make it inactive or else produce erratic charting. Being aware of that, it is taken into consideration.