

Mr. KASS. At the end of how long a period does he become a polygraph examiner?

Mr. BROWN. The course is 4 weeks, including half-day on Saturdays, and several night sessions.

Mr. KASS. Mr. Brown, how much does it cost you to send an individual to the Fort Gordon, Ga., school?

Mr. BROWN. There is no cost involved there.

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Mr. BROWN. No, sir.

Mr. KASS. Would it have been cheaper to send this individual to the Fort Gordon School?

Mr. BROWN. I had in mind the expenses, per diem, and travel from California to Gordon and remaining there.

Mr. MONTAGUE (to Mr. Brown). In addition to that, isn't there a waiting list?

Mr. BROWN. There is also a quota for Gordon.

Mr. MONTAGUE. And it was also the expediency of the situation, that is, we wanted to have an inspector get formal training in a good school. Of course, this school is on the west coast where the inspector is located.

Mr. KASS. How much does it cost you to send an individual to the Backster School?

Mr. BROWN. \$525.

Mr. KASS. So the Government spent \$1,050 for these two individuals to go to the Backster School?

Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir.

Mr. KASS. How long is the Backster School?

Mr. BROWN. The Backster School is 6 weeks.

Mr. Moss. Let's establish something here. On the completion of the course at the Gormac School, did you then regard—was it a postal inspector?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir.

Mr. Moss. Did you then regard him as a qualified polygraph operator?

Mr. MONTAGUE. He is qualified to give tests. Up until now he hasn't had too much experience at it since the machine was assigned to him only in February 1964. In fact, four of our six men received their machines in February 1964. That is just a few months ago.

Mr. Moss. So that the record will show, regardless of when they received their machine, that upon the completion of a 4-week course, the Post Office Department then regards the inspector as fully qualified on his own to give polygraph or make polygraph examinations?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir. That is the purpose of the school, to qualify him for that.

Mr. Moss. You are aware, I assume, of the testimony given by many witnesses before this committee. I believe I speak the consensus of those witnesses, that they would not regard such a person as qualified? Mr. Backster would not regard them as qualified unless they worked under an experienced polygraph operator for an extended period of time. Mr. Reid and Mr. Lindberg, of Reid & Associates in Chicago, would not consider him qualified unless he worked under supervision for an extended period of time. Professor Inbau, of the Northwestern School of Law would not consider him qualified.

Without exception, the group of psychiatrists and neurophysiologists who appeared before the committee would not regard such a