

Mr. MOSS. I appreciate that fact. But you still do not know the worth of the machine because you have not studied it. You can only assume.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Well, we do know that we have had benefits from it. We may not have evaluated it in the way you outlined, but we do know that we have had benefits from it.

Mr. HARDY. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Hardy?

Mr. HARDY. To follow up on this line of questioning, Mr. Montague, you gave us a case a while ago where you said that the suspect had been relieved of suspicion by the use of the machine. You gave us one case where subsequently there was someone else who was found guilty.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARDY. Have you not made any effort to determine whether anybody that was supposed to be innocent by virtue of one of these tests was later found guilty?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Yes; that has happened, Congressman, because the test is not the end. The test is only one of the means that you may use to try to accomplish your investigation.

Mr. HARDY. I understand that. But Mr. Moss has been trying to determine the extent to which you may have evaluated the reliability of these gadgets. I was listening rather carefully, because I had hoped that somewhere along the line you had made some effort to determine the extent to which it has been accurate or had been misleading. Of course, it may have some uses in weeding out or reducing the avenues of investigation. Maybe it does serve some purpose there. I do not want to discount that aspect of it.

But I think in order to determine the reliability of it, you will have to know something about the number of instances in which it has produced true or false, either positives or negatives.

Mr. MONTAGUE. I agree that it would be worthwhile to do that, and we can do it and we will do it. On the other hand, we know from working with it every day that it does have benefits. You don't stop to evaluate everything that you work with every day. You know you use it. You know it is of benefit to you. That is the way this situation is. When you work with it every day, if it is no good you throw it out; you do not use it.

Mr. HARDY. I do not know. Sometimes we have thrown out things that have been good and sometimes we have kept things that have misled us a long time, I have found out, in some of my associations with other agencies. I want to get to another aspect of this thing.

We have talked about these training courses, and the different schools to which your personnel have been sent. We have talked about on-the-job training. We have talked about refresher courses. We have talked about seminars. We have tried to determine what the current policy of the Department is. I have had the feeling that we have been developing policy here this morning in some of your answers.

Do you have that feeling, too?

Mr. MONTAGUE. No; Congressman, you are forgetting that we told the committee that this is a new program. We gave you copies of our instructions. We told you the machines were obtained in February for these men. We told you what our intentions are. This is our policy with regard to all types of investigations.