

USE OF POLYGRAPHS AS "LIE DETECTORS" BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

(Part 6—Testimony of Department of Defense Witnesses)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10:15 a.m. in room 2247, Rayburn Office Building, Hon. David S. King presiding.

Present: Representatives David S. King, Robert P. Griffin, and Donald Rumsfeld.

Also present: Samuel J. Archibald, chief, Government information; Benny L. Kass, counsel; Jack Matteson, chief investigator; and David Glick, chief counsel.

Mr. KING. We will resume hearings of the Foreign Operations in Government Subcommittee, which are a continuation of the hearings involving the use of the polygraph by the Government.

This morning we are pleased to have the Honorable Walter T. Skallerup, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, who has come prepared to present the position of the Department of Defense with regard to the use of the polygraph.

Mr. Skallerup, there is a copy of the rules of this committee available to you and the rules of the committee require that such a copy be made available to you.

It is customary to swear in witnesses. If you would like to rise.

(Witness sworn.)

TESTIMONY OF WALTER T. SKALLERUP, JR., DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Mr. KING. If you would identify yourself, please, for the record.

Mr. SKALLERUP. My name is Walter T. Skallerup, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Mr. KING. At this point, we will be very pleased to receive your prepared statement.

Mr. SKALLERUP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I appreciate the opportunity of appearing before the committee to set forth the procedures and policies of the Department of Defense relating to the use of the polygraph. I understand the committee already has met in executive session to hear testimony regarding the use of the polygraph as a device in preemployment screening. The following remarks are directed toward other uses.