

but first, to determine what kinds of operators you want, what kind of qualifications you want, and then tailor the school to fit the need.

Mr. KASS. How will this be determined?

Mr. SKALLERUP. By obtaining information from the military departments and making some judgments as to what would be in the best interest of the Department.

Mr. KASS. Do you plan to utilize the services of outside experts in this field?

Mr. SKALLERUP. We have found no need for obtaining expert assistance from outside the Government.

Mr. KASS. As to the training, testimony before the subcommittee indicated that various departments in the Defense Department utilize the service of private polygraph schools? Will this practice be discontinued?

Mr. SKALLERUP. I believe that the question is somewhat up in the air with respect to the NSA. However, I believe that the other military departments, to the extent that they are going to use a school, plan to use the Fort Gordon school. I believe the Air Force already has issued a regulation to that effect.

Mr. KASS. As far as the National Security Agency is concerned, you stated the directive leaves it up to the NSA to prepare their own directive. You mentioned that the polygraph may be useful for preemployment screening.

Does this utility for preemployment screening that you have spoken about go to whether a person will make a good employee in the future, or is it more toward verification of existing facts that you are looking for?

Mr. SKALLERUP. While I am prepared to discuss this, I think that if you choose to obtain information regarding NSA operations, that it would be more desirable to obtain this directly from NSA personnel.

Mr. KASS. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. KING. Mr. Griffin, do you have any further questions?

Mr. GRIFFIN. No, except from the standpoint of economy and efficiency of the Government. It would seem, on the surface at least, that the Defense Department ought to consider very seriously the establishment of uniform criteria and one school for these people. I don't understand why the requirements of training in a field like this would be different for the Navy than it would be for the Army or Marine Corps.

It seems to me this would be a field in which the Defense Department could coordinate its activities. It would seem there ought to be some saving involved. I understand that is under consideration.

Mr. SKALLERUP. It is under consideration. But the principal element is to determine what qualifications and requirements should be established.

Mr. GRIFFIN. It seems to me DOD ought to do that.

Mr. SKALLERUP. We fully intend to. We could have withheld issuance of the directive until we had done that. The determination was made to go ahead and with the directive, and then authorize the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower to issue supplemental instructions regarding the qualifications of polygraph examiners.

Mr. KING. Mr. Rumsfeld, do you have any questions?

Mr. RUMSFELD. No questions.