

Mr. KING. Mr. Kass?

Mr. KASS. I have just one more question.

Mr. Skallerup, refusal to take a polygraph examination will not be put in the person's personnel file, is that correct?

Mr. SKALLERUP. That is correct.

Mr. KASS. Is this refusal to take a polygraph examination which the person made to a military or Defense Department polygraph operator, or is it also refusal to take a polygraph examination at some State or Federal level?

Mr. SKALLERUP. It is conceivable that an investigative file might contain information that an individual declined to undertake a polygraph examination, which was offered by a State or municipal authority. But that would remain in the investigative file.

Mr. KASS. Not in the personnel file?

Mr. SKALLERUP. Not in the personnel file.

Mr. KASS. You know we spoke about a case that was called to the subcommittee's attention, because an Army sergeant had refused to take a polygraph examination at a local police station. Authority was given by Army personnel people to remove his security clearance.

Is there any way that the Defense Department can control this type of operation?

Mr. SKALLERUP. My understanding of that case is that there was more to it than just the refusal to take the polygraph examination. There was circumstantial evidence that the individual had been involved in some activity that was very undesirable, and that this led to the questioning—whether action should be taken to withdraw his clearance. They determined that they would not withdraw his clearance.

What we are talking about, I believe, Mr. Kass, is the evaluation of the data and so long as this kind of information is kept within the investigative reports, and is not in personnel records, it seems to me that the individuals concerned will be protected and that then the problem is one of evaluation.

Mr. KASS. And these investigative reports are not made available outside of the Defense Department?

Mr. SKALLERUP. The investigative reports are made available to other Federal agencies.

For example, if you didn't have this exchange of important security information between Federal agencies, you would soon run into proliferation of investigations and an unnecessary repetitive number of investigations. So that where the national interest indicates, we exchange information with the FBI and with other agencies of the Government.

Mr. GRIFFIN. If you didn't do that, the Government Operations Committee would be investigating to determine why you didn't.

Mr. KASS. Mr. Skallerup, we have a number of questions on the Defense Department's research program. With the chairman's permission, we would like to leave the record open at this point for submission of these questions.

Mr. KING. The record will be left open for the submission of questions and answers.

(The questions and answers referred to appear in exhibit 47B, p. 610.)