

EXHIBIT 47A—LETTER FROM HON. JOHN E. MOSS, CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE, TO WALTER T. SKALLERUP, JR., AUGUST 25, 1965, REQUESTING ADDITIONAL DATA ON USE OF POLYGRAPHS

AUGUST 25, 1965.

Hon. WALTER T. SKALLERUP, Jr.,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense,
(Security Policy),
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SKALLERUP: In order to complete the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee's record on the use of polygraphs by the Department of Defense, please supply answers to the following questions:

1. In testifying before the subcommittee on August 19, 1965, you stated: "Based on the actual experience of investigators, we have determined we will continue to use [the polygraph]." What is this experience to which you refer?

2. During the course of the hearing, you informed the subcommittee that the polygraph had proved to be useful to the Defense Department in pursuing both criminal and security investigations. Please explain this statement.

3. You informed the subcommittee that the polygraph should perhaps be used in connection with the recruitment of such individuals as foreign scientists. What utility can be achieved from such tests?

4. Is there a Department of Defense policy to exclude from courtroom evidence (whether military or civilian) the fact that a participant in the trial was subjected to a polygraph examination? Is there any such policy on excluding such evidence from administrative tribunals and/or hearings?

5. Is it the Department of Defense's policy to prohibit the training of Defense Department employees at private polygraph schools? If so, is the policy in writing?

6. The new Department of Defense directive on polygraph examinations (DOD Directive 5210.48) authorizes the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) to "collect data to determine the effectiveness of the polygraph and issue such instructions regarding the use of polygraph in the conduct of polygraph examinations, including the qualifications of polygraph examiners, as may be considered appropriate." What has been done to implement this section of the directive?

7. Has the Department of Defense initiated any research programs on the validity of the polygraph? Please describe any research plans which the Department has in this area, including goals, funding, names, and qualifications of researchers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for appearing before the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. MOSS,
Chairman, Foreign Operations and
Government Information Subcommittee.

EXHIBIT 47B—REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO LETTER FROM HON. JOHN E. MOSS, AUGUST 25, 1965

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington, D.C., October 6, 1965.

Hon. JOHN E. MOSS,
Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the
Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Washington,
D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request that I supply answers to certain questions relating to testimony I had given before the subcommittee on August 19, 1965, concerning the use of the polygraph by the Department of Defense.

Attached are the questions and answers in response to each.

Please let me know if you desire any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER T. SKALLERUP, Jr.,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Security Policy.

Enclosure.