

Navy

ONI: The specific purposes for which the Office of Naval Intelligence utilizes polygraphs are as follows:

(a) As an investigative aid in complaint and criminal type cases, in conjunction with an investigation, not in lieu thereof.

(b) In connection with specific programs as directed by higher naval authority or Department of Defense, that is, screening of individuals concerning whom there exists no other avenues of investigation to determine their suitability for access to classified material.

Marine Corps: The polygraph is used as an investigative aid in interrogation of suspects and witnesses in criminal cases to assist in the evaluation of their testimony. These tests are used in felony investigations, disclosures of classified information investigations, personnel security investigations and may be authorized for use in misdemeanor investigations.

Air Force

Except in very unusual circumstances the use of the polygraph is reserved for serious criminal offenses and counterintelligence matters. It is used as an investigation aid. While the results are often useful in the interrogative process they are never relied upon independently or substituted for other logical investigative effort. The polygraph is not used by the Air Force as an employment screening device. On infrequent occasion in the course of a background investigation of an alien seeking entry into the Air Force, a period of his life during which he resided behind the Iron Curtain may be encountered. The Air Force has no way of verifying the information furnished by him concerning this period; therefore, this phase only of the overall background investigation is often conducted through resort to the polygraph.

DIA

The Defense Intelligence Agency employs the polygraph as an investigative aid when investigation by other means has been as thorough as circumstances permit and the subject has been interviewed but further productive investigative effort is not likely without a polygraph examination. It is used to assist in determinations whether to grant, deny, or withdraw a security clearance higher than confidential and when the information furnished by the individual cannot be checked through the use of other investigative methods. An essential determining factor in the use of the polygraph is that usage be clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

2. How many so-called lie detection tests using polygraphs or similar devices were conducted by your agency in fiscal 1964 for each of the specific purposes listed in answer to question No. 1?

Army

PMG: During fiscal year 1964, U.S. Army military police personnel conducted approximately 5,150 polygraph examinations for criminal investigations. Additionally, six were conducted in connection with inquiries preliminary to administrative board proceed-