

In screening of military personnel, Intelligence Corps units perform polygraph examinations based on the request of the commanding general, USCONARC, or on requests received from other DOD agencies.

If the initial determination is made by other than a major commander or the senior intelligence officer, or unless it is performed based upon a Department of the Army or Defense directive, the initial determination is subject to review by higher authority. The review is usually made at major command or major subordinate command level.

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ONI: The weight given to data resulting from polygraph examinations will vary in accordance with other investigative information available which either supports or disproves the information obtained by the polygraph. Thus, if no data supporting the conclusion of the polygraph operator is available, very little, if any weight would be given. Since the device is used by the Office of Naval Intelligence only as an investigative aid, any results obtained must be compared to and assayed in the light of information obtained by other investigative techniques in a particular case.

(a) The investigating agent: If not a polygraph operator himself, he will refer this to an authorized polygraph operator who will thereupon make the decision that the technique is/is not applicable to the particular problem in the light of the Office of Naval Intelligence policies and instructions. If affirmative, this determination will be approved by the supervising agent or other supervisory authority, time and conditions permitting. In cases where the desirability of use of the machine is clearly evident (e.g., contradictory information received from two sources, apparently equally reliable, with no other possibility of resolution) the polygraph operator may make the determination on his own responsibility. Concurrence of higher authority would be required in all other circumstances.

(1) The initial determination may be made by higher authority and the order simply relayed to the polygraph operator. If the operator in turn feels that employment of the technique in the particular case is questionable, he may request reconsideration and if necessary, the matter may be referred to headquarters for a final determination.

(b) Except when time and the exigency of the situation as well as obvious desirability of employing the technique is apparent as cited in 12(a), supra.

(c) The lowest administrative level would be the senior resident agent for the area exercising supervision over the agent and polygraph operator conducting the case. Further review up to and including the headquarters level may be made before a final determination as to use/nonuse is made, depending on the sensitivity and complexity of the investigative situation involved.

Marine Corps: The polygraph data is used for the limited purpose of evaluating the credence of statements made by the examinee and is not considered as evidence.

(a) The provost marshal.

(b) Yes.

(c) At the command level in most instances.