

Mr. GALLAGHER. It was testing in general.

Dr. CARP. I would like to differentiate markedly between the way we use them and the way X or somebody else might use them.

Mr. REUSS. Yes. If I may speak on that—since I have been pursuing this matter with various agencies—I do want to say that the Peace Corps' use of the multiphasic test is vastly different and less noxious than the use of it by the Department of Labor, to name one, where the application of the test was used without appeal or anything else to keep people from even being accepted for training. As you correctly point out, the most this does is to flag you that something may be worth looking into, and this is, I agree, a vastly different use.

I still think you are in possession here of a questionable and possibly dangerous instrument.

The whole point of my questioning has been—and the questioning of the subcommittee—has been to urge upon you the greatest care, an urging which at least has been in part responded to by the statement Mr. Berlew made here today.

One thought occurs to me.

I do not think that the Peace Corps would suffer a bit if in the interest of practical research you, for a 2-month period sometime, for a class or two of the Peace Corps put the MMPI into cold storage, don't use it as a universal, use it simply where evidence of atypical behavior comes up, anyway.

I have a hunch, based upon the fact that so far I have heard of only one case, case No. 5, which has actually caught somebody, that the dragnet would not otherwise have caught. I have a hunch that this would not impair the quality of young people you are sending abroad with the Peace Corps. You might gain more through the elimination of these questions than you would lose.

Dr. CARP. This is a study that has been suggested. Maybe if we get our research funds back, it might be one that we can carry out in the next fiscal year.

Mr. GALLAGHER. You might have some extra money if we authorized you to do without these tests.

I think we have a vested interest in this test. Question 255 still remains part of the test, "Sometime at elections I vote for men about whom I know very little" and 256, "The only interesting part of newspapers is the funnies."

Since these remain part of the test, I am wondering what kind of response might be required here that would show whether a person is psychotic or adolescent.

Mr. Collins?

Mr. COLLINS. I would like to go back to what Mr. Reuss brought up here about when these tests are given. You say they are given at the start of the training. This is after they are on board?

Dr. CARP. Yes, sir.

Mr. COLLINS. Now, their preemployment or standardized or routine investigation has been conducted, is that correct?

Dr. CARP. No. An individual is invited to training on the basis of references, aptitude test scores, academic record, work history, et cetera, where it is appropriate. The civil service background investigation has not been done and is not available prior to invitation.

Mr. COLLINS. You mean prior to the start of training?

Dr. CARP. Once an individual is invited to training and accepts the invitation to training, then we give his name and background to the