

26 January 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director for Special Operations  
Assistant Director for Policy Coordination  
Chief, Inspection and Security Staff

SUBJECT: Extension of Polygraph Research Project

1. It is desired to extend the present voluntary polygraph research project being conducted by I&S Staff to include all personnel of OSO and OPC who will volunteer for testing. This project has been underway for 18 months and the tests are showing considerable promise in the use of the machine as an investigative aid. Interrogation questions are of a non-personal nature and concern the basic security of the individual in his relationship to CIA. Results of the tests are not placed in subject's investigative file but are held in strict confidence.

2. The facilities for the tests are somewhat limited and the coverage of your offices will be on a gradual basis extending over a considerable period of time as arranged between the Assistant Directors and the Chief, I&S Staff. Control officers should be appointed to handle the details of interview appointments within your Offices. Chief, I&S Staff will give each Office an approximate monthly quota and will communicate with you directly on this matter.

3. Participation will be on a volunteer basis only.

4. The polygraph research project, the results of studies connected therewith, and the participation therein of individuals are considered confidential and not to be disseminated outside CIA.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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Acting Executive

cc: Chief, SSS  
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