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Ex-CIA Official Cites 'Proof' Oswald Innocent

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A former official of the CIA today asserted that he has absolute proof that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy.

George O'Toole, who ran the CIA's problem analysis branch for five years, told a press conference today he has spent months using a new type of lie detector to analyze tape recorded statements made by Oswald before his death. The new lie detector works on the human voice.

ACCORDING to the lie detector, Oswald was telling the truth when he said "I didn't kill anybody" in Dallas the day Kennedy was assassinated, O'Toole said.

According to O'Toole, it is now possible with the aid of the new lie detector, called the psychological stress evaluator (PSE), to determine from a person's voice whether he or she is telling the truth about something.

PSE, which was invented seven years after Kennedy was killed, measures the inflections in the human voice and reproduces them on a graph from which an analyst can determine which answers showed the most "stress".

O'Toole said it is usually possible to predict that a person is lying if

there is a high stress factor in his speech. But, O'Toole added, it is almost 100 percent certain that a person is telling the truth if the machine shows no stress in his voice.

IN OSWALD'S case, O'Toole found, there was no stress in his voice when he replied "no" when he was asked by a television reporter: "Did you kill the President?", and again when he was asked by a radio reporter in the hallway of the Dallas police station: "Did you shoot the President?" The absence of stress when he denied the crime indicated Oswald was telling the truth, O'Toole said.

O'Toole said he sent the recordings of Oswald's answers to several experts, including the inventors of the PSE, and all agreed that he must have been telling the truth.

According to O'Toole, a Gaithersburg resident, the PSE is more accurate than the standard polygraph lie detector, which measures truthfulness by a person's bodily reactions to questions.

O'Toole also analyzed tape recorded testimony of several key witnesses to the Kennedy assassination and concluded that they were not telling the truth about seeing Oswald commit the crime.

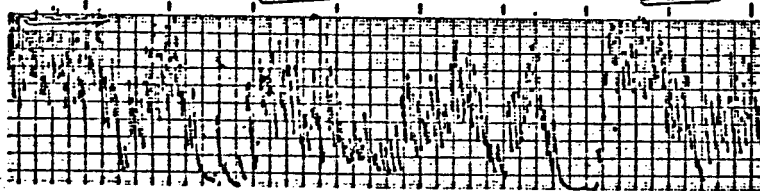
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Lee Harvey Oswald and his PSE chart revealing no stress.