

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad 1-Mr. Herndon
1-Mr. Jevons 1-Office, 7133

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TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY; LEE HARVEY
OSWALD, VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

My memorandum of 7/27/64, advised that SA Bell P. Herndon, Polygraph Examiner, was scheduled to give a deposition on 7/28/64, to the President's Commission regarding the polygraph examination of Jack L. Ruby.

SA Herndon appeared as scheduled and gave a deposition regarding the polygraph examination along the lines that we anticipated in my memorandum of 7/27/64. SA Herndon testified that in view of the serious question of Ruby's mental condition and the fact that Ruby had been diagnosed as "psychotic depressive," the polygraph examination should be considered inconclusive. During the deposition, the Bureau's basic policies with regard to the limitations of the polygraph technique were set forth at the request of the Commission.

Mr. Arlen Specter of the Commission's staff, during the deposition, asked for an interpretation of the polygrams produced by Ruby based on the hypothesis that Ruby is sane and mentally competent. In this regard, the answer was furnished that on the basis of the hypothesis advanced by Mr. Specter, the charts would be interpreted as showing no indication of deception. The examiner stated during testimony, however, that he had no information which would resolve the hypothesis and still considers the results in this instance inconclusive. A requested detailed analysis of the charts under the hypothesis was given.

During the latter part of the testimony, SA Herndon testified that other factors such as the large number of relevant questions, the presence of other people in the room during the interview, the extensive interrogation that Ruby has already undergone, and the lapse of time since the shooting of Oswald, would tend to negate any specific conclusion with regard to the examination even under the hypothesis presented. Many of these factors were results of the Commission's desires in this matter.

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The original polygraph charts of Jack Ruby and the questions asked during the polygraph interrogation were made into exhibits by Mr. Specter and are now in the Commission's custody. The Bureau has copies in the case file. Mr. Specter advised SA Herndon that as soon as the deposition is typed, a copy will be forwarded to the Bureau for review and any necessary changes.

ACTION:

For information.

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