

She Told Truth in Sen. Long's Death

MEXICO (Mo.) — (UPI) — Helen Dunlop, secretary and companion to former Sen. Edward V. Long, was telling the truth when she said Long told her shortly before his death that he had been poisoned by candy, according to results of a lie detector test released yesterday.

The test results were released by Miss Dunlop's attorney, Jerome W. Siegfried, with her permission.

She had taken the test April 26, shortly after she told authorities about Long's statement about the candy.

Body Exhumed
Thomas Osborne, Audrain County prosecuting attorney, revealed the results of the test in a letter to Miss Dunlop.

Months after Long's death, Miss Dunlop had told authorities that Long told her he had received the poison candy in the mail.

Long died Nov. 6 and the death certificate, signed by Pike County Coroner J. O. Mudd, said he died of a stroke.

Long's body was exhumed Thursday and an autopsy performed, but Dr. George Gantner, St. Louis County medical examiner, said the results are not expected until the middle of next week.

A large pituitary tumor revealed by the autopsy

could conceivably have caused his death, authorities said. The tumor had been discovered at Walter Reed Medical Hospital in 1967 but doctors at the autopsy were said to be shocked at its size.

Transcript

In the letter from Osborne to Miss Dunlop the following transcript of the lie detector test was included:

Q. Did someone suggest that you make up the poisoned candy story?

A. No.

Q. Did you fabricate the story about the poisoned candy?

A. No.

Q. Did Senator Long tell you he thought he had been poisoned?

A. Yes.

Q. Is your statement to (Missouri Highway Patrol) Sgt. Barnett the truth concerning the poisoned candy?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you now withholding any information whatsoever about the cause of Senator Long's death?

A. No.

A Truthful Person

In the letter Osborne said, "In the opinion of Cpl. George Payne of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, your responses as shown on the polygraph charts were those of a truthful person."