

JACK ANDERSON PRESENTS: THIS IS YOUR LIE

That old cliché "May we have the envelope, please" may take on a bizarre new meaning next month with Jack Anderson's first television special. The one-hour show called "The Truth" will feature Anderson and several "controversial guests," all of whom will be asked to submit to a polygraph exam on the air to test their veracity.

"Essentially what we're attempting to do is find the truth in major controversies and also give people who feel they've been maligned an opportunity to settle the score," Anderson says.

His guests will be given a lie detector test, or a voice stress analyzer exam, or even "truth serum" before their appearance. During the show Anderson will explain what his guest has been accused

of, describe what method of detection is being used to test his truthfulness, and then summon the person who administered the test to hand him an envelope with the results. The verdict will be read aloud, presumably while the camera focuses on the face of the accused, and the guest will have a chance to respond.

"It won't be conducted as a circus," Anderson says, "but I don't have any objection to a little drama, and I don't mind producing the results on the show so we can get an honest reaction."

For example, Anderson thinks Bert Lance, prior to his Senate appearance, might have been a likely candidate for his show. Ditto Wayne Hays, Tongsun Park or Patricia Hearst. Anderson happily includes as potential

guests people whom he has written about in his column—"I might wind up eating a little crow myself," he says.

An independent producer will try to syndicate the show, which will begin taping late this month. Anderson says he will only receive "a nominal sum" for the first feature which both Anderson and his producer hope might lead to a regular series.

Footnote: As of this writing, Anderson will not reveal the names of his first guests, but he says a prominent Mafia figure has agreed to appear in an attempt to refute Justice Department charges that he is a mob kingpin. Also tentatively scheduled: two politicians accused of questionable activity who apparently hope "The Truth" will give them a national forum to clear their names.