

The Lie Detector

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THE LIAR'S ABSENTMINDEDNESS IS A BLESSING; IT OFTEN LEADS US TO THE TRUTH

WESTMORELAND'S "REMARKABLE PROGRESS"

From a Washington dispatch in *The New York Times* of December 20, 1967:

"During his recent visit to Washington, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the American commander in Saigon, reported remarkable progress. He said his forces were showing a decline in casualties, from 285,000 in 1966 to 275,000 in 1967."

... TURNS OUT TO BE REMARKABLE IMAGINATION

From the same dispatch:

"Government officials say privately that they now estimate enemy military and political strength in South Vietnam at 418,000 — 48,000 more than the figure of less than 350,000 reported in 1966."

"The report also shows the enemy strength in North Vietnam, which was 1,000,000 last year, has increased to 1,200,000. The number of North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam has increased from 100,000 in 1966 to 150,000 in 1967."

