

'DECEPTION' LAID TO U.S. INFORMER

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Lie Detector Test Supports
Accuser of Ex-Witness

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The Federal Government's star witness in the recent trial of the Gainesville Eight in Florida has shown "deceptive tendencies" during a lie detector test he sought to deny an acquaintance's charges that he was a violence-prone agent provocateur last year.

The former witness, William W. Lemmer, challenged his accuser, Barbara Stocking, to the polygraph test when they disagreed about whether he once planned to throw explosive devices at policemen in Washington and to shoot leaders of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War in Miami.

Their argument arose during and interview with Mike Wallace, the Columbia Broadcasting System television correspondent, shown yesterday on the "C.B.S. Morning News." The program was taped Tuesday, three days after a jury in Gainesville, Fla., acquitted seven antiwar veterans and a supporter of charges that were developed largely on Mr. Lemmer's testimony that they plotted to disrupt the Republican National Convention at Miami Beach last year.

Tested After Interview

After the interview, Mr. Lemmer and Miss Stocking submitted to lie detector tests administered by Rudolph Caputo of Smith and Wesson Security Services of New York.

The questions dealt largely with Miss Stocking's accusations that Mr. Lemmer was a violence-prone agent provocateur. Mr. Caputo said on the program that her answers were "much more favorable and indicative of truthfulness." Mr. Lemmer's replies, Mr. Caputo said, showed "indications of deception."

Mr. Lemmer, a 24-year-old former airborne soldier who served in Vietnam, said that he was a "bona fide" nonviolent member of the veterans organization who turned Federal informer when the group started planning illegal activities.

Miss Stocking, a 43-year-old Quaker and a former doctoral candidate and teaching fellow at Boston University, contended that Mr. Lemmer preached violence during an antiwar meeting on the eve of demonstrations at the Penatgon in May, 1972.

"Bill started talking about making bombs," she said, "to throw at the policemen" during the demonstrations. After the meeting, she added, they started "looking for drug stores and fireworks stores that would sell ingredients" for the devices. She was not asked whether such devices were assembled.

About a week after the demonstration, Miss Stocking continued, Mr. Lemmer told her

during an auto trip to Gainesville that he and some friends calling themselves the "Weather Vets" were going to "shoot" leaders of the veterans organization and "get rid of the New Left, the Trots and the P.L.'s, too." *

She said Mr. Lemmer told her that "Trots" and "P.L.'s" were Trotskyites and members of the Progressive Labor movement.

Mr. Lemmer called Miss Stocking's version of the Washington meeting and the auto trip "illogical" and "all absolute fabrication," and added: "I'll match polygraphs with you, sweetheart."

"I will, too, anytime at all. Anytime. Right now," Miss Stocking replied.