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### Re: Lie Detection in UFO Controversies

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>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 1997 18:20:57 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
>From: Geoff Price <Geoff@CalibanMW.com>  
>Subject: Lie Detection in UFO Controversies  
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>Lie Detection in UFO Controversies  
>=A91997 Geoff Price  
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>Grappling with fraud and deception is par for the course in the context of  
>UFO claims, and as a result, "lie detector" tests are frequently demanded  
>of UFO claimants, and their results, positive or negative, brandished as  
>evidence.  
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>Some cases in particular have put lie detection in the spotlight, notably  
>the Travis Walton abduction case of 1975, as well as the more recent (and  
>divisive) case of Ed Walters and his Gulf Breeze photographs.  
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>Kevin Randle, in his latest book the Randle Report, rules both cases a  
>hoax, pointedly citing the original, failed polygraph test of Travis=  
Walton  
>(administered by John McCarthy, hereafter "the McCarthy test".) Gulf  
>Breeze detractors, such as Carol and Rex Salisbury, have cited the  
>successful voice stress analysis test conducted on a taped deposition=  
given  
>by Tommy Smith (who says he observed the fabrication of photographs by  
>Walters).  
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>Both of these examples represent somewhat irresponsible use of "lie  
>detection" evidence, illustrating some of the pitfalls and common=  
confusion  
>that surrounds the topic.  
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[snip]

While the information about the polygraph was informative and interesting,=  
the results of the polygraph aren't the only reasons for suggesting that=  
the Walton case and the Gulf Breeze cases are a hoax. It is one of many=  
reasons.

A careful reading of The Randle Report will show that I have reservations=  
about the McCarthy test, not the least of which is that McCarthy seemed to=  
have some sort of personality conflict with Walton that could have colored=  
his report.

However, it should be noted that the second test, given by Pfeifer, while=  
more reliable, was also questioned by Tom Ezell. Ezell owned the company=  
for which Pfeifer worked. Ezell's review of the charts suggested that=  
Walton had not passed the test, or had barely passed. Now, as I said in the=

book, the weight of the evidence has to be given to Pfeifer because he administered the test.

And, when we get to a point where a story has been told so often, has been shared with the world, has been documented in books, and in which the subject has undergone hypnotic regression, the the results of a test administered some twenty years after the fact might be flawed. This is based on the experiences of a number of qualified individuals.

But the real point is that I reject the Walton case, not only because of the failed, or allegedly failed polygraphs, but on other evidence as well. We must look at the whole package and not just a small segment of it. Look at the deception of both the Lorenzens and the Waltons concerning the first test. That is very revealing.

Finally, according to your report, as many as one in four polygraph tests might be invalid. Other figures suggest one in ten. This is the reason that the polygraph is not used to prove guilt or innocence.

As for Gulf Breeze, the polygraph information is just one small part of the whole picture. Again, it is all the other evidence that I find to be persuasive when arguing against the reality of the Ed Walter's Gulf Breeze sightings.

But hey, I could be wrong on these points. I just need to see additional and persuasive evidence. To this point I find it lacking.

KRandle

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