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## **CLARIFICATION ON ACKNOWLEDGING IN THE VALENCE TECHNIQUE**

(Ref: NOTs Series 7, VALENCES)

It is very important that you have the Pre-OT acknowledge the answer the BT or cluster gives to the „What are you?” question (see NOTs Series 7). Even if you got an F/N on the answer, you still acknowledge and you will broaden the F/N.

We ask „Who are you?” to the same spot and we don’t feed them the answer. They sometimes comm lag, (don’t get impatient with the comm lag), sometimes it’s a few seconds comm lag, and then you get the answer. You may have to repeat the question (see NOTs Series 7). The „Me” answer will normally LFBD, and if that LFBD isn’t very marked, you make sure you do the next step of acknowledging the „Me” answer. In any event you could still acknowledge, but if the LFBD was pronounced the probability is that he’s gone. The auditor having the Pre-OT acknowledge the „Me” answer can guarantee a blow. Now is this acknowledgement produces another read then we know it guaranteed a blow. Sometimes you get another LFBD on the acknowledgement step, and sometimes you get a broadening of the F/N.

### **CAUTIONS**

Sometimes, quite often in fact, this short-circuits. You ask: „What are you?” and the guy says „Me” and blows. And sometimes you are patiently trying to go through all these steps and you get a series of blows. A blow or a series of blows can occur at any time during NOTs. You don’t then continue the steps of this Technique, as that BT or cluster has gone! Sometimes a series of blows or an automatic blow will go into a persistent F/N or a Floating Tone Arm and in either instance you would end off the session.

Also you can get repetitive blows if a case is running pretty clean, and you can get blows without BDs. There isn’t much left on the charge and it isn’t registering on the meter to amount to anything.

On „Hello and OK” you sometimes get a blow. The BT or cluster doesn’t answer up and run „Hellos and OKs” repetitively to get it into comm. Rarely, it will suddenly blow, and it would then be senseless to go on trying to run „Hello and OK”, or anything else, as that one has gone.

Some auditors have been known to ask a pc if it blew, during the Valence Technique steps. Even nag the Pre-OT, „Did it blow?”, „Has it gone?”, „Still around?”. This could be due

to the auditor's unfamiliarity with his meter, and not recognizing a blow when he sees it occur on the meter. Or, possibly some may have confused another technique, Date/Locate, with this technique. You of course always Date to blow, and Locate to blow, and the auditor could get the idea that he should carry over Date/Locate technique into Valence Technique.

It is very poor practice to ask the Pre-OT if it blew during NOTs Valence Technique. You could cause the BT or cluster to submerge or be suppressed, or you could invalidate a blow that did occur.

This doesn't mean that you can't ever ask if it blew. You could ask if it is „still around?” and a read would confirm that it is. But this type of question is asking for a missingness. It is no longer there. There's a large percentage of pcs that never see the blow, and it isn't something to see, because it's a missingness. This type of question can be difficult for the Pre-OT to answer, as there is now nothing there for him to perceive as it has gone. If the meter BD'd and F/Ned on the „Me” step, it would be idiocy to then ask if it blew, of course it did! But if your meter didn't tell you it blew, you could be in a quandary and have to solve that problem. But you wouldn't interrupt the Valence Technique to ask if it blew, and you wouldn't get into nagging the Pre-OT. You just follow on through with your steps, and particularly if you had the Pre-OT ack the „Me” answer, then you got your blow alright. So this concern about whether the BT blew is misplaced.

These points are stated so that the auditor will understand what he is doing, why he is doing it, and what manifestations he can expect to occur, because these manifestations will occur. This technique is a very positive series of steps, and they go in that sequence. If these steps are done as given, you will get the result, and if departed from or if there is an error, you can definitely expect to get that manifestation too, i.e. too broad an attention span and you will get restim.

It is necessary that the auditor and C/S understand these points as this is not a technique that can be done rotely or robotically.

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