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**BUS428**  
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### **Brake Scandal Case Discussion Questions**

**1.) What ethical issues surfaced in this case? Who were the people involved?**

Resp:

In the B.F. Goodrich Air Force A7D Brake Problem case, several ethical issues surfaced, including: Qualification test report falsification: The former B.F. Goodrich employee, Kermit Vandivier, accused specific B.F. Goodrich personnel of falsifying the qualification test reports. Ethical Misconduct: Vandivier also alleged ethical misconduct on the part of certain B.F. Goodrich personnel.

The people involved in this case were: B.F. Goodrich Personnel, Kermit Vandivier, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Line, Mr. Warren, Senator William Proxmire

**2.) Is it morally right or morally wrong for a person in Mr. Vandivier's situation to write up a false report? On what moral standards is your answer based?**

Resp:

Writing up a false report, regardless of the circumstances, is generally considered morally wrong. Based on honesty and Integrity, because falsifying a report involves intentionally presenting misleading information, which goes against the principles of honesty and integrity. Moreover, it is wrong based on trust and accountability, because falsifying a report undermines trust and accountability within an organization.

**3.) At which of Kohlberg's levels would you place Mr. Vandivier? Mr. Lawson? Mr. Warren? Mr. Sink? Mr. Line?**

Mr. Vandivier's actions seem to demonstrate characteristics that align with the post-conventional level of moral development. Mr. Lawson would be placed at pre-conventional level. Considering Mr. Warren's involvement in the brake testing process, align him with conventional level of moral development according to Kohlberg's stages. Mr. Sink would be placed at a post-conventional level according to Kohlberg's stages. Mr. Line would be placed at a pre-conventional level according to Kohlberg's stages.

**4.) In your opinion, who would be morally responsible for any "accidents" that resulted when pilots tested the A7D planes (and their brakes)? Explain your response by assigning degrees of responsibility to the person/people responsible.**

Resp:

In the case of the B.F. Goodrich brake scandal, I would admit myself to be morally responsible if I was involved in designing, testing, and providing qualification reports for the brakes, on the one hand, and if I was aware of the brake system's flaws or if I was deliberately falsified qualification reports, which would significantly contribute to any the incidents on the other hand.