

A New Report of Mind-Control Work by the CIA

Washington

There is evidence that CIA-sponsored mind-control research continued into the 1970s even though agency officials indicate that most of it ended in 1963, says the author of a new book.

John Marks said that the CIA informed him it has identified 130 boxes of papers that may contain related documents. The agency was responding to Marks' request, under the Freedom of Information Act, for specific behavioral research topics.

"I was astounded by the

amount of this undisclosed material," he said. "The agency says it is reviewing the material, and I expect it to be released within six months."

Marks said CIA Director Stansfield Turner left the public with the impression that any general mind-control program ended in 1963 with the conclusion of a project called "MK-ULTRA." CIA officials have acknowledged that a more limited drug program using volunteers, called "MK-SEARCH," continued until 1972.

But Marks says there is evidence that another CIA depart-

ment, the Office of Research and Development, picked up general behavioral research after MK-ULTRA ended.

Attempts to control behavior under MK-ULTRA included sponsoring Canadian "brainwashing" studies involving LSD and forced isolation and shock treatments coupled with forced sleep, Marks said in his book, "The Search for the Manchurian Candidate," published by Times Books.

Marks said 16,000 pages of CIA documents, and interviews with people directly involved, flesh out details of CIA mind-control at-

tempts that were disclosed at congressional hearings in 1977.

At the hearings, agency officials acknowledged testing LSD and other drugs on unsuspecting men who were lured by prostitutes into agency-run apartments. The officials also said that the CIA secretly sponsored private research into behavior-control drugs and techniques.

Turner said the CIA no longer uses secret organizations as fronts for financing behavior research and that the agency "is in no way engaged in either witting or unwitting testing of drugs today."

But Marks said documents show that the agency contributed about \$19,000 a year for several years to one of Canada's top psychiatrists, Dr. D. Ewen Cameron of the Allan Memorial Institute, which is part of McGill University in Montreal.

It's unknown if Cameron, who died in 1967, ever knew the money came from the CIA, which funneled the funds through the Society for the Investigation of Human Ecology.

The book says Cameron attempted to treat mental illness by creating complete amnesia of all

behavior patterns, theorizing that only normal behavior patterns would return.

The author says scores of unknown persons were treated with LSD, the powerful hallucinogenic, and other persons were subjected to a combined electric shock and drug-induced sleep treatment.

Marks said CIA officials went to Montreal periodically to observe Cameron's work, which later study showed was not effective, and actually caused long-term memory loss in some patients.

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