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CIA chief depllores CIA brothels

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A CIA operation in which private citizens were lured to a San Francisco brothel and unwittingly drugged was denounced today by the director of the CIA.

Adm. Stansfield Turner said the brothel drug experiments ended some 12 years ago and that "zero" such r bordellos are being operated now

"They are all past hiory," said Turner who is in San Francisco for a Commonwealth Club speaking engagement.

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"The most inexplicable part was simply that here in San Francisco and some other places in the country, in the name of understanding the potential use of drugs to be used against our people and against our intelligence activities, there were apparently tests conducted on individuals without their

consent," Turner said.

The director said that today "that is certainly abhorrent to you and to me and I can assure all of you that this activity is not and will not be tolerated in our intelligence systems."

In Washington, meanwhile, three former CIA employes and a former CIA consultant refused to testify before a Senate inquiry into the drug and bordello operation.

Turner said that the four had made the decision not to testify independently and that the agency had not bsen in touch with the four since documents disclosing the operating were discovered.

The four had been expected to appear before the Senate Health and Intelligence committees headed by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

When the committees' investi-

gators were notified of the four's refusal to testify, subpoenas were issued for the appearance Sept. 9.

One of those subpoenaed was Dr. Sidney Gottlieb who headed the MK-Ultra program, according to documents released by the CIA under the Freedom of Information Act.

The program ran an elaborately decorated brothel in San Francisco under the code name Operation Midnight Climax.

Documents made public by the CIA indicate private citizens were taken to the bordello by \$100 prostitutes and drugged without their knowledge, usually with LSD.

CIA researchers then watched through a two-way mirror, filming what happened when the subjects went into the bedroom with the prostitutes, according to documents and testimony given to the Senate probers.

The purpose of the research, Senate investigators were told, was to learn about thought control and sexual behavior.

The two other former CIA employes identified in the subpoenas were Robert Lashbrook and Walter Pasternak.

The consultant is Dr. Charles Geschickter, a highly respected former Georgetown University professor, who headed the Geschickter Fund for Medical Research.

Documents obtained by the committee from the CIA indicate that the fund was used as a conduit for research money from the CIA.

The committee met in closed session this morning after being notified that the four witnesses had refused to appear voluntarily.