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FRANK REYNOLDS: There were new revelations today about cloak-and-dagger spy operations by our side. The CIA Director, Admiral Stansfield Turner, met with the Senate Intelligence Committee in a closed session to provide more information about MK-Ultra. MK-Ultra is a CIA program started nearly 25 years ago to control human behavior through the use of drugs, electric shock, psycho-surgery, and other rather sophisticated techniques.

The CIA now says it has discovered documents relating to the program that apparently were not filed in the right place. Acting under the Freedom of Information Act a former State Department official, John Marx, has obtained a number of other documents on MK-Ultra. He made them public today.

Bill Downs has that story.

BILL DOWNS: John Marx says the latest CIA documents show that in the 1950s the CIA secretly contracted with an unidentified professor of neurology to go to an unnamed state prison for an experiment on an unrevealed number of convicts. The agency had learned that the Russians were testing a drug called Bobolocapnine [?].

MK-Ultra wanted to know if the drug actually could induce loss of willpower and memory. Another documented case involves two suspected Russian CIA agents which the agency feared might have been compromised. Both agents were drugged, then hypnotized. They relived past incidents in their lives, the documents report. Interrogations were very successful.

Among the MK-Ultra documents produced today was a 1949 letter outlining ways of killing a person without leaving evidence of murder. Try smothering with a pillow or strangling with a thick

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