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Dear [Redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 28 March 1984 which was received on 2 April 1984 and your letter of 30 March 1984 which was received on 3 April 1984.

Your letter of 28 March 1984 presented an appeal of denials made in our 26 March 1984 response to your Freedom of Information Act request for information on "...research or experimentation supported in whole or part by the Central Intelligence Agency within hospitals and/or mental health centers of the Illinois Department of Mental Health between the years of 1945 and 1960." Accordingly, arrangements will be made for consideration of our initial determination by the Information Review Committee. This appeal has been assigned request number [Redacted] for identification purposes.

The information requested, other than that included in your initial request and subsequent appeal as outlined above, constitutes a new request or requests under the Freedom of Information Act and will be treated in separate correspondence.

In order to process appeals in the most equitable manner possible, we have adopted the policy of treating the appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. To date, we have a backlog of approximately 125 appeals. Please be assured, however, that your appeal will be processed as quickly as possible and that you will be advised of the outcome as soon as our processing has been completed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry R. Strawderman

Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

IPD/ALB: [Redacted] (6 April 1984)

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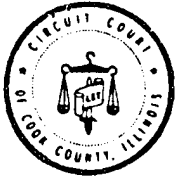
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**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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March 30, 1984

CIA Information Review Committee
c/o Mr. Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

SUPPLEMENT TO APPEAL

Dear Mr. Strawderman,

Please consider the following a supplement to the letter of appeal which was sent to you yesterday and a copy of which is attached herein.

By virtue of the Freedom of Information Act, we are seeking information from files of the Central Intelligence Agency concerning all CIA supported research, experimentation or by whatever name such intervention may have been called, in institutions run by the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities or the Department of Public Health or by whatever name such mental health or developmental disabilities may have been known, between the years of 1945 and 1960.

1) Specifically we are asking for the names of all institutions including mental health facilities, institutions for the retarded, universities, university hospitals, including but not limited to the University of Chicago, which received CIA funding or support for research or experimental projects using mental patients or retarded individuals as the subject matters for research, experimentation or by whatever name such investigation may have been known.

2) Particularly we are also seeking the names and other identifying criteria of all individuals who may have been involved in the research, investigation or experimentation

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described in the above two paragraphs and who resided in Illinois institutions and who may have been the subject matter of such CIA sponsored research as described above.

3) Specifically, we are further seeking names of all institutions and individuals and other identifying data within the state of Illinois who were involved in any research, experimentation, or investigation in the MKULTRA Project between the years 1945 and 1960.

As Public Guardian of Cook County I am seeking this information because of the fact that some of our present wards may have been involved in such investigation, research or experimentation in the 1950's. I am further seeking the information because many individuals, at present incompetent, may have causes of action which would entitle them to estates because of such research, experimentation and/or investigation. These individuals now reside in nursing homes, half-way houses and mental health facilities and may have been harmed by such research and have the possibility of lawsuits against the institutions named and even against the federal government. However, because of their incompetency they are unable to understand that they have such lawsuits. Because of the nature of their mental illness and/or retardation during the time in which the experimentation, research or investigation went on they were equally unable to determine the fact that they had possible causes of action. Because of their incompetency there is no legal limit to the time in which they may bring suit.

As Public Guardian of Cook County, it is my responsibility to protect the interests of incompetent individuals and pursuant to that duty that I seek this information.

Hoping to hear from you very soon in this appeal
I remain


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March 28, 1984

CIA Information Review
c/o Mr. Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Strawderman,

This letter is to inform you that I am appealing the denial of my Freedom of Information Act request (dated 10 February, 1984) for information on research or experimentation supported in whole or in part by the Central Intelligence Agency within hospitals and/or mental health centers of the Illinois Department of Mental Health between the years 1945 and 1960. This appeal is based on the fact that as Public Guardian of Cook County, Illinois I am responsible for some 200 mentally ill adults in Illinois, some of whom were hospitalized in Illinois Department of Mental Health hospitals or mental health centers between the years 1945 and 1960 and were, I believe, the subject of this research and experimentation. ^{UNCODED} AS their legal guardian, I stand in their stead and am entitled to this information.

Please also be advised that I am expanding my request under the Freedom of Information Act to include any information on research or experimentation supported in whole or in part by the Central Intelligence Agency within the University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, Illinois between the years 1945 and 1960.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

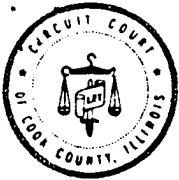
Very truly yours,

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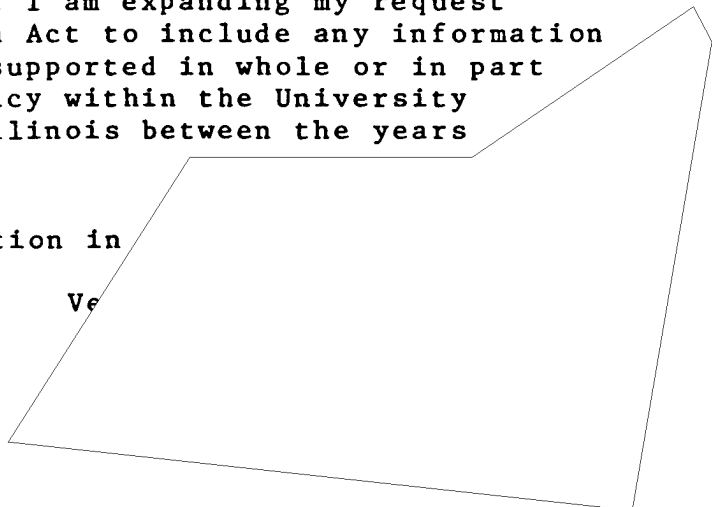
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Dear



This is a follow-up to our letter of 10 February 1984 concerning your Freedom of Information Act request for information on "...research or experimentation supported in whole or part by the Central Intelligence Agency within hospitals and/or mental health centers of the Illinois Department of Mental Health between the years of 1945 and 1960."

To the extent that your request seeks records that would reveal a covert connection between CIA and the subject of your request, I must inform you that the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or non-existence of documents that would reveal a confidential or covert relationship, or interest in developing such a relationship, with any particular individual organization, or other entity. Records disclosing this type of information necessarily would be classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356. Further, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records would relate directly to information concerning intelligence sources and methods which, in accordance with subsection 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, the Director of Central Intelligence has the legal responsibility and obligation to protect from unauthorized disclosure.

Therefore, to the extent your request might concern records containing such information, it is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3); an explanation of these exemptions is enclosed. The denying official for any such information is Mr. Stanley Sporkin, General Counsel. By this action we are neither confirming nor denying that any such information exists. You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, in my care; should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

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Although we can neither confirm nor deny the participation of specific institutions in the MKULTRA project unless they have already been acknowledged officially, we wish to assure you that all institutions that participated in research sponsored by this Agency in connection with the MKULTRA project have been notified of CIA interest. In some instances the institutions subsequently acknowledged their participation publicly, but a significant number have requested that their identities continue to be protected. The records of this Agency do not contain the names of the subject individuals participating in the research, in any event. These names must be sought from the institutions that conducted the research.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry R. Strawderman

Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of 31 January 1984 requesting documents under the provisions of Freedom of Information Act has been received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator. Our analysts will review your request, and we will be in touch with you and advise of any problems we have encountered, or whether we can search for documents without any additional information.

Your request has been assigned Reference [Redacted] for identification purposes.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Larry R. Strawderman

Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Our office wishes to obtain, through the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, copies of any and all documents, notes, tapes or other notations which was gathered as a result of research or experimentation supported in whole or part by the Central Intelligence Agency within hospitals and/or mental health centers of the Illinois Department of Mental Health between the years of 1945 and 1960.

It is our understanding that the CIA did, in fact, support research involving LSD at the Manteno State Hospital in 1954 and 1955 (enclosed please find a Chicago Sun Times article to state that effect). We are most interested in determining the extent of the research and/or experimentation supported by the Central Intelligence Agency in Illinois hospitals because many of our wards were in these hospitals at that time.

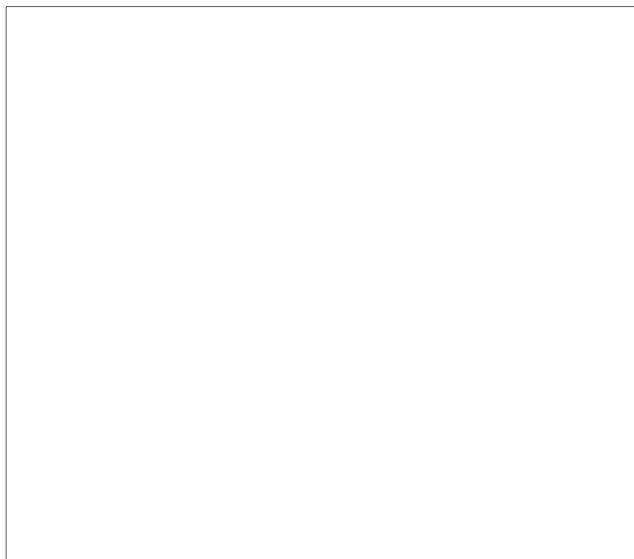
Please be advised that in case such documents are not in the hands of the Central Intelligence Agency but in the hands of researchers at universities or hospitals we would like documents which could indicate in whose hands the research documents now are.

If this information is not specific enough or if you require more information, please contact me either by telephone or in writing.

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Thank you..




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