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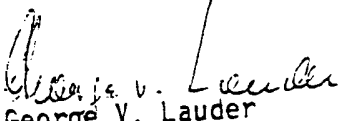
Ms. Meg Greenfield
Editor of Editorial Page
THE WASHINGTON POST
1150 15th Street, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Greenfield:

A WASHINGTON POST editorial on 18 April proposed, inter alia, that persons who without their consent became subjects of CIA psychiatric and drug testing programs during the 1950s should be traced and compensated.

Had the POST the professionalism to check its facts with the Agency before writing its editorial, it would have learned that the Agency made an intensive effort in the 1970s to identify and contact any persons who might have been unwitting subjects of drug testing programs in which the Agency had been involved. Indeed, on page 19 of the Supreme Court's decision on CIA vs. Sims (the decision which prompted the POST's editorial), the court in a footnote referred to the Agency's efforts in this regard while Admiral Stansfield Turner was Director of Central Intelligence.

Sincerely,


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