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Turner Details CIA Projects On Mind Control

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CIA Director Stansfield Turner acknowledged today that his agency's secret mind-control projects were carried out at 80 universities, hospitals, foundations and prisons. He gave the Senate the names of nearly 200 researchers who worked on 149 of the projects.

Turner testified before a joint session of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and a health subcom-

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mittee headed by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., about the contents of seven recently discovered boxes of documents related to the secret project MK-ULTRA.

This was an umbrella code name given to a number of sensitive experiments with drugs, hypnotism and other behavioral modification techniques in the period between 1953 and 1964.

KENNEDY SAID the newly discovered material reveals a more extensive series of experiments than had been previously known as well as new instances of unethical behavior. Kennedy said there were 86 universities or institutions involved in the projects that until very recently were not known to Senate probers. He recalled that the records of most of the CIA's experiments with drugs and mind-control agents were ordered destroyed in 1973 by former CIA Director Richard Helms.

But Turner said that new information was recently discovered among CIA-financial records and that they escaped being destroyed because they were filed under budgetary instead of project titles.

Turner said the new material was turned over to the Senate committee, including all the names and institutions involved, on a classified basis.

"Most of the people and institutions involved are not aware of agency sponsorship," Turner testified. "We should certainly assume that the researchers and institutions which cooperated with CIA on a witting basis acted in good faith and in the belief that they were aiding their government in a legitimate and proper purpose.

"I BELIEVE THAT we all have a moral obligation to these researchers and institutions to protect them from any unjustified embarrassment or damage to their reputations which revelation of their identities might bring."

Turner said the most significant new discoveries were those of the names of researchers and institutions who participated in MK-ULTRA and, secondly, a possibly improper contribution by CIA to a private institution.

"We are now in possession of the names of 185 non-government researchers and assistants who are identified in the recovered material dealing with the 149 subprojects," Turner declared. "The names of 80 institutions where work was done or with which these people were affiliated are also mentioned. The institutions include 44 colleges or universities, 15 research foundations or chemical and pharmaceutical companies, 12 hospitals or clinics in additon to those associated with universities and three penal institutions."

THE IDENTITIES of some of these people and institutions were known previously to current CIA officials and congressional probers but informed sources said the numbers of the newly identified participants go far beyond previous knowledge.

Turner said one project involved a contribution of $375,000 to a building fund of a private medical institution which he did not name. The contribution was previously reported, but Turner said the newly discovered material makes it clear for the first time that this contribution was made through an intermediary which made it appear to be a private donation. The institution was not told of the true source of the gift.

Turner said the newly discovered documents give a greater insight into the scope of the drug testing "but contribute little more than that." He said CIA now has uncovered information that some of the drug testing on people unaware of what was happening was carried on in safe houses in San Francisco and New York City.

"WE HAVE IDENTIFIED that three individuals were involved in this undertaking as opposed to the previously reported one person," Turner said. "We also know now that some unwitting testing took place on criminal sexual psychopaths confined at a state hospital and that additionally, research was done on a knock-out or 'K' drug in parallel with research to develop pain-killers for cancer patients."

Turner said there had been no attempt to conceal the newly discovered material in earlier searches and said the agency discovered these particular documents in 1973 when it was in the process of attempting to destroy them.

He pointed out that the recovered documents are finance folders and that the bulk of the material consists of approvals for advance of funds, vouchers and accountings. Most of these documents, he said, were not very informative as to the nature of the activities being undertaken and in general do not include status reports or other documents regarding operational considerations.

HE SAID THE newly recovered documents fall into three categories:

• First, there are 149 MK-ULTRA subprojects, many of which appear to have some connection with research into behavioral modification drug acquisition and testing or administering drugs surreptitiously.

• Second, there are two boxes of miscellaneous MK-ULTRA papers including audit reports and financial statements from "cut-out" (intermediary) funding mechanisms used to conceal CIA's sponsorship of research projects.

• There are 33 additional subprojects concerning certain intelligence activities which have nothing to do with drugs, toxins or other related matters.

Turner grouped the activities in the 149 subprojects as follows:

• Research into the effects of behavioral drugs and alcohol: 17 projects probably not involving human testing; 14 projects definitely involving tests on human volunteers; 19 projects probably including tests on human volunteers and perhaps tests on unwitting subjects as well; and six projects involving tests on unwitting subjects.

• There were eight subprojects of research on hypnosis, including two involving hypnosis and drugs in combination.

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