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CIRCUMCISION TEST IN '61 DISCLOSED IN C.I.A. DATA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (Reuters)—The Central Intelligence Agency conducted experiments 16 years ago on circumcised boys to determine whether the operation left any emotional aftereffects, according to secret documents released Friday by the agency.

The aim was to determine whether circumcision at a significant stage of a boy's development produced anxieties such as fear of castration, according to the heavily censored documents.

"The inability to resolve castration complex is linked with the later emotional disorders, notably homosexuality," said one C.I.A. research paper that discussed the experiments.

In 1961, the documents showed, the agency approved a series of tests on 15 boys between the ages of 5 and 7 from low-income families. The National Health Service chose the boys from a culture whose identity was deleted from the documents, which are the latest in a series released by the C.I.A. in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents chronicle a massive program, code named MK—ULTRA, conducted in the 1950's and '60's to control human behavior through the use primarily of mind-altering drugs.

Adm. Stansfield Turner, the Director of Central Intelligence, said recently that the agency no longer conducted such experiments and had taken steps to insure that such tests would never be conducted again.