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The Honorable Birch Bayh
Chairman, Select Committee
on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On 18 January 1979 I sent you a report of our progress with the program to identify persons who might have suffered harmful long-term aftereffects from having been subjects, without their knowledge or consent, of drug research many years ago. In that interim report I mentioned that, for purposes of convenience, we had treated the MKULTRA program in two parts, one part dealing with research programs at institutions and the other with the safehouses in New York City and San Francisco. I am pleased now to submit to you our final report of the institutional part of the program and to inform you that I expect to be able to report finally on the safehouses part of the program within the next 30 to 45 days.

I am happy to note that, the more we have reviewed the research conducted with CIA funding at private institutions, the more confident we have grown that our earlier fears were greatly exaggerated. There are instances in which we have been frustrated in our efforts to acquire additional knowledge by the inability of researchers or institutions to add anything to Agency records. However, the picture that emerges overall is one in which the research conducted was performed in a responsible manner. Rather consistently it appears that subjects of research were volunteers and that the type and amount of drugs administered were not likely to have caused long-term aftereffects. These findings are buttressed by the fact that the various investigations were conducted under the direction and control of responsible institutions and investigators.

I believe it to be a significant observation that in most cases the research conducted at private institutions would have gone forward without support from CIA funds. Typically,

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research programs were initiated and sponsored by the institution itself prior to supporting funds being made available from external contributors. In many cases, programs involving CIA funds were funded previously, concurrently or subsequently by other contributors. In general, then, the research was conceived, planned and carried out in accordance with institutional protocol and procedures, without direction or control by CIA. In those cases in which the knowledge to be acquired was defined by CIA, the methods employed and procedures followed nonetheless remained under the control of the institution or individual researcher. Our review discloses no case in which the research conducted stands out as a departure from professional and ethical standards of the time. Results were available generally to those interested, with concealment only of the fact of CIA interest and support.

Forwarded herewith are copies of pertinent documentation, the development of which has led us to the conclusion that no further action is required with respect to that part of the MKULTRA program conducted at private institutions.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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