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This is a response to your letter of 14 November 1983 in which you appeal the decision of this Agency dated 5 August 1983 which you understood as denying your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for "information on a MKULTRA mind control and manipulation psychological experiment conducted by...West Virginia University" on you.

Your appeal letter has been presented to the Central Intelligence Agency Information Review Committee. Pursuant to the authority delegated under paragraph 1900.51(a) of Chapter XIX, Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Mr. James H. Taylor, Inspector General, has determined that the fact of the existence or nonexistence of any documents which would reveal a confidential or covert CIA connection with, or interest in, matters relating to those set forth in your request is classified pursuant to the appropriate Executive order. Further, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of such documents would relate directly to information concerning intelligence sources and methods which the Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility to protect from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with subsection 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949. Accordingly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) respectively, your appeal is denied. By these statements, we are neither confirming nor denying that any such documents or records exist.

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to seek judicial review of the above determinations in a United States district court.



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We thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry E. Fitzwater".

Harry E. Fitzwater

Chairman

Information Review Committee

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Your letter of 14 November 1983 was received on 18 November. This letter presented an appeal pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act of the decision in our 5 August 1983 response to your request for information on "whether West Virginia University conducted psychological, pharmacological or other experiments during the time that [you were] enrolled . . . in conjunction with the CIA." Arrangements will be made for consideration of your appeal by the Information Review Committee.

We endeavor to be fair to all requesters and have determined that a first-received, first-out policy is the most equitable way of processing appeals. We have approximately 115 cases pending. Please be assured, however, that your appeal will be processed as quickly as possible and that you will be advised on the outcome as soon as our processing has been completed.

Sincerely,

~~7s/ Larry R. Strawderman~~  
Larry R. Strawderman  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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