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CIA Gave Mind Tests At Columbia

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Columbia University was one of the 80 colleges and institutions where the Central Intelligence Agency conducted top secret "mind control" behavioral experiments between 1953 and 1954, it was disclosed yesterday.

The experiments were "designed to identify materials and methods useful in altering human behavior patterns," a university spokesman said. The 80 schools where the CIA's MK-ULTRA top-secret experiment were reportedly performed also included Ohio State University, Georgetown, George Washington University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Columbia and the other institutions that participated in the research program — which involved studies of chemical and biological materials — were notified officially last week by the CIA "that some portion of the research appears to have been performed" by university staff, a Columbia spokesman said.

However, the CIA refused to identify the type of experiments performed or who performed them.

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These projects, the spokesman pointed out, were initiated and sponsored by the CIA. The university had no prior knowledge that the CIA was sponsoring such "mind-control" tests, he said.

The university will launch an investigation into which faculty members participated in these experiments, the spokesman said. There has been no formal request by the university for the CIA to apologize for using its facilities.

The letter to the universities was accompanied by a copy of CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner's recent testimony before a Senate committee, in which he said that the agency had financed 189 nongovernmental researchers and 149 experiments, including the use of the hallucinogenic drug LSD.

It was reported earlier that the CIA, in behavioral control experiments, spent \$25 million over a 25-year period. Dr. Harold Abramson reportedly conducted tests of LSD for the CIA at Mount Sinai Hospital, which were supported by the Geschikter Foundation and later by the Macy Foundation.

Abramson admitted his participation Senate Health subcommittee. It had been disclosed earlier that Abramson had treated Frank Olson, an Army bio-