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BARBARA WALTERS: The Chief of the CIA told the Senate today that 80 institutions such as colleges, prisons, and hospitals, were used in top-secret mind control research in the Cold War years. He gave details of some frightening experiments, as Bill Downs reports.

BILL DOWNS: More than 5,000 well-laundered and sometimes lurid documents were released today by the CIA as Agency Director Stansfield Turner outlined parts of the CIA's 144 human behavior control projects before a joint Senate committee. They included experiments secretly involving hospitals testing drugs on terminal cancer patients and enlisting prisons to experiment on criminal sexual psychopaths.

Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy said that prostitutes were employed to entice unwitting victims to so-called CIA safe houses in New York and San Francisco to test LSD and knockout drops. Disavowing the past, Admiral Turner had strong ideas about the CIA's future.

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: It is totally abhorrent to me to think of using a human being as a guinea pig, and in any way jeopardizing his life and his health, but I can assure you that this is totally beyond the pale of my contemplation of activities for the CIA or any other of our intelligence agencies should undertake.

DOWNS: Turner's testimony today revealed that the CIA secretly funneled money through scores of research foundations, colleges, hospitals, and clinics including a \$375,000 grant through the Geschickter research fund here in Washington. For that story here is Margaret Osmer at Washington's Georgetown University.