

Oklahoma Uni,
CIA 4.01 MKULTRA

U. of Oklahoma tells CIA drug tests in '50s

NORMAN, Okla. (UPI)—The University of Oklahoma conducted LSD tests on animals during the 1960s, presumably as part of the Central Intelligence Agency's mind control experiments, Paul F. Sharp, university president, said Friday.

Sharp said the CIA recently notified him of the research. He said he has written to the CIA requesting all information possible about its project at the university.

Sharp said Dr. Louis Jolyon West, chief of psychiatry at Oklahoma from 1954 to 1969, conducted animal research with LSD in the early 1960s. West, now chief of psychiatry at the University of California at Los Angeles, said his research was confined to animals and accidentally killed a 7,000-pound elephant at the Oklahoma City Zoo in 1962. He said he was unaware the research funds came from the CIA.

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE 22

THE NEW YORK TIMES
4 September 1977

00291 Oklahoma Un.

Around the Nation

C.I.A. Tells Oklahoma U. Of Mind-Research Role

NORMAN, Okla., Sept. 3 (UPI)—The University of Oklahoma conducted LSD tests on animals in the 1960's, presumably as part of the Central Intelligence Agency's mind-control experiments, the university president, Paul F. Sharp, said yesterday.

Mr. Sharp said that the C.I.A. had recently notified him that his school was among 80 that unknowingly conducted such research. He said he had written to the agency and requested all information possible about its project at the university.

He said that Dr. Louis Jolyon West, chief of psychiatry at the university from 1954 to 1969, conducted the animal research with LSD in the early 1960's. Dr. West, now chief of psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles, said that his research had been confined to animals. He said he gave sponsors of the research his opinion that LSD was too unpredictable to be used on humans, but said he was unaware that the research funds had come from the C.I.A. He also said that others at the school were doing research on LSD at the time.