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Justice Dropped Drug Prosecution Of Researcher

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The Justice Department decided against prosecuting a controversial military mind-control researcher after investigating allegations of drug irregularities, government documents indicate.

Documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act showed the Drug Enforcement Agency called Feb. 6, 1975, for an administrative hearing into allegations that Dr. Amedeo Marrazzi violated federal drug laws.

The documents, obtained by the Church of Scientology, accused Marrazzi of irregularities in his use of drugs during experiments for the Air Force at the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry.

A May 28, 1975, DEA document said Marrazzi left "controlled substances commingled with non-controlled substances" in his lab, many of them "not authorized by Dr. Marrazzi's registration."

A Nov. 4, 1976, DEA document said the agency referred the case to the Justice Department on Oct. 24, 1975, but that the U.S. attorney decided after a review that the matter "did not warrant federal prosecution."

A copy of a memorandum from the director of the CIA to the secretary of Defense indicated Marrazzi had been involved in LSD research since 1951.

According to the documents, the Justice Department was asked to investigate allegations that Marrazzi failed to maintain proper records and used drugs he was not authorized to use; conducted LSD experiments on patients from November 1970 through June 1973 without proper research consent forms, and used clandestine LSD supplies in his experiments.

Marrazzi became a controversial figure in 1975 when he was accused at a Senate hearing of having "devastated" an 18-year-old psychiatric patient with LSD in an Air Force-funded experiment 10 years before.

The Scientologists obtained a copy of an affidavit by Dr. Hugh V. Angle, who said he was dismissed from the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry after complaining about Marrazzi's techniques, accused the researcher of conducting experiments on many patients "not covered by research consent forms."

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