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CIA financed 'U' work on behavior

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Washington, D.C. — Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) secretly financed experiments in behavior control at the University of Minnesota sometime during the 1950s and 1960s, the agency confirmed this week.

The university was notified by letter Wednesday that it had been one of 80 private and public insti-

tutions throughout the country that knowingly or unwittingly sanctioned experiments that were part of the CIA's top-secret MKULTRA mind-control research.

Dr. C. Peter Magrath, president of the University of Minnesota confirmed Thursday that his office had received a form letter from the CIA, informing the university that the experimentation had taken place and offering to provide detailed information "to the extent

it (the agency) is able and legally free to do so."

Magrath, who was reached in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he is on vacation, said he will request that the CIA furnish him details of the experimentation when he returns to Minnesota. He said the letter gave no clue as to the activities at the university that were financed by the CIA.

"I am not in favor of — in fact, I'm flat out opposed — to secret research at universities," he said. "It's my knowledge that the university policy, at least since the late 1960s, early 1970s and certainly since I've been at the university, for the past three years, does not condone secret research."

"It's entirely possible that within the atmosphere of the Cold War that existed in the '50s and '60s that there might have been one or two scientists at the university involved in something," he said. "But I'm only speculating."

A spokesman for the CIA yesterday refused to discuss CIA activities at the University of Minnesota or to name the person or persons who conducted CIA-financed research.

"The letter itself does not really give the university or institution addressed any idea of the extent of the involvement or the character of the involvement," the spokesman said. "It just simply states the involvement. If the university has an idea of who the researcher was, it does not come from the agency."

University officials were reluctant to speculate on who the CIA-financed researcher might have been.

The only controversial mind-control experiments conducted in recent memory at the university were done during the 1960s by Dr. Amedeo Marrazzi, using small doses of the hallucinogenic drug LSD.

Marrazzi, 72, a researcher and professor of pharmacology at the university between 1964 and 1969, conducted LSD experiments involving 30 student volunteers and 12 patients at the university hospital's psychiatric ward. The experiments reportedly were