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SUBJECT: Termination of Unwitting Testing With Behavioral Drugs

- 1. With the destruction of the MKULTRA files in early 1973, it is believed that there are no definitive records in CIA that would record the termination of the program for testing behavioral drugs on unwitting persons.
- 2. In a memorandum for the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence dated 17 December 1963, Subject: Testing of Psychochemicals and Related Materials, the Deputy Director for Plans recommended the continuation of the unwitting testing program with the Bureau of Narcotics. The Acting Director of Central Intelligence in his reply dated 24 December 1963 stated that after discussion the Director recommended that the matter be considered in depth after the first of the year and that in the meantime "please continue the freeze on unwitting testing."
- 3. There is no record, to our knowledge, that this freeze was ever lifted. In June 1964 the Acting Director of Central Intelligence, in approving continuation of the general research project, stated that "unwitting testing will be subject of a separate decision." Existing records, however, do not indicate whether a decision on unwitting testing was later made. The consensus is that the freeze was never lifted.
- 4. As the actual testing was conducted by personnel in the Bureau of Narcotics there may be some better record in its successor organizations.



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