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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Health and  
Scientific Research  
Committee on Human Resources  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my letter of 28 March 1978 responding to your inquiry, I undertook to advise you at such time as we received the opinion of the Department of Justice concerning the legal obligations and authorities of this Agency as to persons who may have been the unwitting subjects of CIA-sponsored drug testing as part of Project MKULTRA in the 1950s and 1960s. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of that opinion, dated 17 July 1979 (sic), which concludes the Agency may be under a legal obligation resulting from that project, which obligation will be satisfied by attempting to identify, locate and notify any unwitting subjects of MKULTRA drug-testing activities where it can be reasonably determined their health may continue to be adversely affected by their prior involvement in that program. I have directed a thorough review of the information now available to the Agency be conducted in order to determine the most efficient and appropriate means of implementing this opinion. Because of the paucity of specific detail in our surviving records, this promises to be a difficult and drawn-out process. However, I shall advise you further at such time as the success, or lack thereof, of our efforts to fulfill this obligation becomes apparent.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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