

19 January 1994

Freedom of Information Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 USC 552).

I wish to obtain all records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries and other documents relating in whole or part to the CIA's investigation of the FBN's involvement in the CIA project identified as MK-ULTRA. The CIA's investigation was initiated in September 1977, when the CIA informed the DEA that it had conducted drug testing on unwitting unidentified human subjects at safe houses operated by former Federal Bureau of Narcotics personnel at New York and San Francisco from 1953 to 1966.

In January 1979, DCI Stansfield Turner asked the US Department of Justice to assist the CIA in an effort to identify persons who were administered drugs without their knowledge or consent as a part of MK-ULTRA. The Department of Justice directed the DEA to designate a representative to work with the CIA's project officer in this matter, Mr Robert H Wiltse, the Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Administration. The project was called The Victims Task Force. On 15 February 1979 the DEA representative was introduced to a CIA officer from the CIA's Office of Technical Services, Mr Frank -----, and these two individuals conducted an investigation, under the direction of a CIA attorney, which resulted in the identification of the victims of MK-ULTRA. The investigation was concluded on 6 July 1979, when DCI Turner sent a copy of his final report to Senators Bayh and Kennedy.

I wish to obtain all records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries and other documents relating in whole or part to the CIA project described above, titled the Victims Task Force, including a copy of the report sent to Senators Bayh and Kennedy.

Mr ----- and the DEA representative of the Victims Task Force did extensive research at their respective agencies. I would like copies of any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents which were generated as a result of that research.

The DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force traveled to San Francisco in March 1979, and while in the area copied former CIA officer George White's diaries. Mr White was one of the perpetrators of MK-ULTRA. I would like to obtain copies of the copies which were made of George White's diaries, as well as any related records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents which were generated as a result of the investigators finding those diaries.

The DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force traveled to San Francisco in March 1979, and while in the area interviewed current and former DEA and CIA employees. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents generated as a result of those interviews.

The DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force traveled to San Francisco in March 1979, and while in the area researched a September 1977 San Francisco radio broadcast. I would like to obtain a copy of the transcript of the radio broadcast, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents generated as a result.

The DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force spent two weeks in March 1979 in Arizona and California interviewing former DEA and CIA employees. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of those interviews.

On 31 March 1979, the DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force traveled to Washington DC where they conducted interviews with current and former CIA and DEA and FBN employees. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of those interviews.

I would like to obtain a copy of DEA representative's 4 April 1979 status report, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of that report.

On 9-12 April the DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force conducted interviews with current and former CIA and DEA and FBN employees in West Palm Beach and the Florida Keys. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of those interviews.

On 26-27 April 1979, the DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force conducted interviews with current and former CIA and DEA and FBN employees in the greater New York City area. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of those interviews.

Between 8-14 May 1979, the DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force did interviews with current and former CIA and DEA and FBN employees in the Chicago and San Francisco area. They also interviewed Mr George Gaffney in Missoula, Montana. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of those interviews.

Between 14 May and 6 July 1979, the DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force conducted interviews with current and former CIA and DEA and FBN employees in the Washington DC area. I would like to obtain the transcripts of those interviews, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of those interviews.

On 6 July 1979, DCI Turner sent a copy of his final report to Peter Bensinger. I would like to obtain a copy of that report, as well as any records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries or other documents were generated as a result of that report.


The Freedom of Information Act provides that if only portions of the requested information are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. I reserve my right to appeal the withholding or deletion of any material.

I am prepared to pay reasonable costs not exceeding \$25.00 for locating the requested material and for reproducing it. The amended Act does provide, however, that you may reduce or waive fees if it "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." I believe this request fits that category as I intend to make available to the public the information I gather. I therefore ask that you waive any fees. If you rule otherwise, and if the fees exceed \$25.00, please notify me of the charge before you fill this request.

I originally filed this request on 19 November 1993, but received no response. When I called CIA for an explanation, a woman in the Information Office hung-up the phone on me. I wrote to CIA General Counsel Thomas Goodread on 29 December 1993, asking for an explanation, but Mr Goodread has not yet responded. As part of this request, I would like to know if the CIA's failure to respond is a result of my on-going Privacy Act complaint against the CIA, which is currently being handled in the Federal District Court in Springfield, Massachusetts?

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the number below. As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days. Thank you.

Respectfully,



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