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Dear Charles,

Jerry McKnight is interested in and will be speaking to you about the CIA's MKUltra and other mind-bending records I have and he would now like to have for student use. So, this brief account of my interest and how I got them.

In the Warren Commission records I found a short CIA memo in which they told the Commission that we are five years ahead of the USSR when it came to toying with the mind.

Then I heard of the Olson case - a local scientist assigned to Fort Detrick who was also part of a CIA base there was slipped LSD and died as a result, allegedly by suicide. I got the records the CIA had let the family's lawyer have ~~and~~ from him and later got them from the CIA.

Then the Congress got interested and on further search the CIA found some additional records. I got them from the CIA.


Later the CIA found quite a few more pages as I now recall largely having to do with expenditures and gave them to the Congress. Without asking me if I wanted them they sent them all to me, I believe they thought they were being helpful and assumed that I would pay for them. There were too many for me to even look at and they were past my point of interest. However, the CIA would not take them back and I would not pay for what I had not ordered. Under FOIA they are required to give an estimate in advance and can demand a down payment. This very greatly exceeded their estimate prior to their locating these records. As a matter of law and regulation I was right by as a matter of power they were right and since then they have refused to let me have any records under FOIA. With this in mind, perhaps their unauthorized shipment may have been purposeful because it was well known at that time that I had no resources.

I've never looked at that batch. I may have notes on the earlier batches.

My clippings should identify the Congressional interest and students should be able to consult these hearings that were printed.

As I told Jerry, Olson's survivors are available to students for interviews if they consent. The mother is Alice, one local son is Mills, and his office is in a building they constructed in the father's memory, on Daughman's lane. He is a dentist. There may also be pertinent records at Fort Detrick.

-Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg