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Olson case not reopened by police

The New York city police department and the medical examiner's office has not actively reopened an investigation into the death of Frank R. Olson, the

Fort Detrick research scientist who plunged to his death from a hotel in Manhattan in 1953 after reportedly being given a dose of LSD in a CIA experiment.

Dr. Dominick DiMaio, New York's acting chief medical examiner says he lacks the investigatory powers to reopen an inquiry into Olson's death and was reportedly awaiting new information from the police.

DiMaio said in a recent interview that he did not have the power to do otherwise.

Robert Morgenthau, Manhattan district attorney, said his office, so far, had not begun an investigation into the case. He said his staff was checking to see whether the district attorney's office has jurisdiction, and whether the statutes of limitations had expired.

The disclaimers by the top law enforcement agencies normally involved in an unusual death appeared to contradict what lawyers of the Olson family said they had been told.