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# Army Plans No Action On 900 in LSD Tests

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The Army is not responsible for medical follow-up examinations for some 900 persons who took part in LSD experiments from 1959 to 1967 that it funded for civilian researchers, an Army spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said that despite a pledge in July to conduct follow-up examinations on another 585 persons who were involved in LSD tests on military bases between 1956 and 1959 it has yet to contact anyone involved in those tests either.

In July, after acknowledging that it had run or funded LSD experiments on about 1,500 persons, the Army said it was launching a massive follow-up campaign to locate those involved in the tests and give them thorough physical and psychological examinations.

The Army spokesman said yesterday, however, that an office to coordinate the follow-up program was established only two weeks ago and that, while 26 persons have been located who were in the experiments, all had made the initial contact with the Army on their own.

"We don't think this is necessarily a long time," the spokesman said. "We've been answering questions from the media, doing historical research and answering congressional queries and that has hindered the follow-up program."

No follow-up examinations will be given to persons involved in LSD experiments other than those who got the drug on Army bases, the spokesman said.

In July, the Army said it had funded LSD research at the University of Maryland medical school, the New York Psychiatric Institute, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Washington medical school and the Tulane University department of neurology and psychiatry.

On July 18 and on several subsequent occasions, including during a congressional hearing earlier this month, Army spokesmen or civilian officials who ran the LSD tests said the Army planned to locate and test all 1,500 persons involved in the drug tests.