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Suit in Drug Case

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The daughter of a psychiatric patient who died here 22 years ago in an Army-sponsored experiment with hallucinogenic drugs has filed an \$8.5 million wrongful death claim against the Army.

Elizabeth Barrett said her father, Harold Blauer, was given large doses of three types of mind-alerting drugs against his will and complained bitterly of his reactions to the drugs before he died Jan. 8, 1953, at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

At a press conference, she released a medical log containing written observations on Blauer's condition over nine days before he died.

Mrs. Barrett said the log indicates that Blauer was "terrified all the way through the experiment."

Mrs. Barrett obtained the log and copies of other previously released documents Thursday.

The Army log, which was declassified on August 28, shows that on Dec. 11, 1952, Blauer had entered the hospital for treatment of depression.

The record depicts Blauer as a patient alternately complaining about this reaction to the drug and then saying he felt well.

Hospital officials have said Blauer voluntarily took drugs.

The Army has six months to answer the claim for damages.

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ELIZABETH BARRETT, THE DAUGHTER
She held a picture of her late father