

## 'Human Use' Reviews

Somehow, the Army hasn't yet activated its program of following up on the 550 soldiers it subjected to LSD experiments—although the effort was announced ten weeks ago. Moreover, the Army says it doesn't even intend to try to reach and examine approximately 900 civilians who were the subjects of experiments which it sponsored, but which were carried out by civilians.

The reason given by the Army's Human Use Review Office for its lethargy in getting even the limited follow-up program going is simply that it has been too busy. Substantial damage was done to some of the subjects

of the drug experiments: some died, others were temporarily incapacitated and some who were aware of the nature of the experiments believe that they have suffered long-term injury as a result of their participation. Others who are uncertain that they were involved, but who are troubled by some of the subsequent behavior, are seeking clearer answers.

There can be little doubt that from a moral point of view the Army has an obligation to find, examine and warn as many of these human guinea pigs as it possibly can, whether they were civilians or members of the Army at the time of the experiments. From a scientific standpoint, it would seem reasonable for the Army to want to learn whether the subjects of an experiment using substances which in some cases caused temporary nervous system damage, suffered long term injury as well.

However it is viewed, the Army's original position, that follow up would be too costly and of no value to the men or to the military, seems wholly indefensible. Now that rhetorical position has been changed, it is imperative for the Army to behave as if that change were real.