

# CIA Studied Ways to Turn Unwilling Person Into Killer

Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency studied whether a human being could be induced secretly to commit an assassination against his will, newly released government documents disclosed yesterday.

It was the first documentary evidence that the CIA contemplated a situation where a man or a woman could be induced to involuntarily commit an assassination.

series of 1954 memoranda made public under a Freedom of Information Act request by journalists.

It had been prepared as part of Operation Artichoke, one of four CIA programs to conduct mind control experiments during the 25 years between 1949 and 1974.

There is no indication in the documents released so far that the CIA tried to use mind control in an actual assassination attempt.

The study was disclosed in a

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