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Dialogue Sought With Professor In CIA Probe

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Georgetown University said yesterday "it seems promising" that university lawyers can meet next week with Dr. Joseph F. Geschickter, a Georgetown professor emeritus, who helped the CIA with its MK-ULTRA mind control experiments.

The 76-year-old pathologist and cancer researcher established the Geschickter Fund for Medical Research, through which the CIA funneled money to fund MK-ULTRA projects in the 1950s and 1960's. He has been unavailable for comment since his name surfaced a month ago in connection with the CIA. A Senate subcommittee has subpoenaed him to testify Sept. 9.

The university, which last week received official notification that it was part of the CIA program, is investigating the matter. It has received 70 pages of CIA documents, which an official said confirm press reports that the CIA funneled \$375,000 through the Geschickter Fund toward construction of a new medical wing at the hospital. The agency wanted to use one-sixth of the space there for experiments in chemical and biological warfare.

In another development, Chancellor Maurice Mitchell of Denver University confirmed that his university was notified by the CIA that it was one of the 86 institutions CIA Director Stansfield Turner said were used, knowingly or not, in MK-ULTRA.

Other universities that have publicly acknowledged similar letters from the CIA in the last few weeks include the University of Maryland, George Washington University, Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Princeton, Ohio State and The University of Pennsylvania. GW has received documents from the CIA about its role but has refused to release them.

Dr. Wilbur C. Miller, now president of Drake University in Ohio, taught in the psychology department at Denver in 1954. He said a Dr. L. T. Miller headed the department then and died in the late '50s. Wilbur Miller said he didn't know of any CIA-related research there, "but I vaguely remember something about hypnosis." MK-ULTRA was interested in hypnosis and LSD for offensive purposes and for protecting CIA agents from brainwashing and interrogation by hostile governments.

Other documents the CIA made public Thursday describe a 1960 MK-ULTRA project to study voting records of registered voters in a "friendly foreign nation." The research proposal, which was approved with a budget of \$7,490, expected to study 25,000 voters, who were eligible if they were male homeowners, at least 30 years old.

The principal researcher, whose name is deleted in the documents, and who apparently did not know the research was sponsored by the CIA, wondered where some of the promised research material would come from.

Mitchell said he doesn't know what the CIA's involvement was at Denver, but whatever did happen was before his time.

"I'm perfectly happy to deal with this openly," Mitchell said. "It's about time some of this crap got aired."

A March 8, 1954, document released by the CIA several weeks ago was addressed to a Dr. Miller from a person whose name was deleted. It said: "I will do my best to answer any other questions about the transfer of the project to Denver University." Whatever the project, it had a budget of at least \$7,200 for a 10-month period.

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