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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am here this morning at your request to report on our continued efforts to locate documents dealing with CIA's research into behavioral modification and drug experimentation involving humans. As you recall from my testimony on 3 August 1977, MKULTRA was an umbrella project under which a broad spectrum of sensitive activities was financed, some of which had nothing to do with behavioral modification or drugs. Others, however, dealt with research into behavioral modification -- primarily by means of drugs and hypnosis -- involving tests on human volunteers and, in some cases, on unwitting subjects.

During my previous testimony, I undertook to furnish you with available information on people associated with the safe-houses in San Francisco and New York City in which unwitting testing occurred. In addition, I was also to furnish all

available information on Projects MKSEARCH and OFTEN/CHICKWIT. Information regarding the identities of people associated with the New York and San Francisco safehouses was forwarded to you on 13 September.

After the 3 August hearing, my Staff assembled the few documents then available on MKSEARCH, the follow-on project under which the non-terminated portion of MKULTRA activities was funded. The same officer who had been responsible for discovering the seven boxes of MKULTRA material which gave us our first detailed insight into the 149 MKULTRA sub-projects reasoned that the mechanics of funding and record keeping should have been similar for both programs. He had already ascertained that there were no MKSEARCH files among the budget and fiscal holdings of the Office of Technical Service (OTS) at the Agency's retired records center where he had located the MKULTRA documents. Therefore, he personally searched OTS budget and fiscal holdings at OTS headquarters and, on 15 August, discovered the MKSEARCH financial folders. A report on this discovery, including a summary listing of 12 research grants was sent to your Staff on 1 September.

As with the MKULTRA material which I discussed on 3 August, it is important to remember that the MKSEARCH material discovered on 15 August consists of financial papers. As such they contain almost nothing about the substance of the projects with which they deal -- consisting for the most part of accountings, vouchers, and the like. Thus, our understanding of the activities funded under MKSEARCH remains fragmented and incomplete.

MKSEARCH appears to have been used to fund only a portion of the external researchers formerly funded under MKULTRA. Other former MKULTRA research activities were continued under the 12 grants I have already mentioned. Our records do not show that any of these activities involved testing on unwitting subjects. It is true, however, that the MKSEARCH records available as a result of the 15 August discovery indicate that the projects in New York and San Francisco were terminated on 30 June 1965 under MKSEARCH, while the lease on the New York apartment did not expire until 30 April 1966, with expenses being paid to that date.

Concerning my commitment to furnish material on the projects known as OFTEN/CHICKWIT: these projects involve the Department of Defense as well as CIA. These were the programs I had in mind

in responding to a question from the Chair on 3 August. On page 33, line 17 of the transcript of the 3 August hearing before this Subcommittee, I stated "these programs are the code names for the CIA participation in what was basically a Department of Defense program." As published in the joint hearings of this Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure in connection with S. 2515 during the 94th Congress, 1st Session (on pages 916 and 917), CHICKWIT was concerned with acquiring information on new drug developments in Europe and the Orient and with acquiring samples and was conducted by the Department of Defense for CIA and with CIA funding. OFTEN was the code name for a CIA program to have selected compounds tested on animals. Subsequently, arrangements were made to provide funds to support research on compounds of interest to CIA; this as part of ongoing activities by the Army at the Edgewood Arsenal Research Laboratory. According to our records, CIA's interest was limited to one compound under this arrangement. We, therefore, conducted a joint review of the OFTEN/CHICKWIT material with DoD representatives starting on 18 August. This material had previously been reviewed by the Rockefeller Commission, the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, and the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Documents culled

from the bulk of information on OFTEN/CHICKWIT were made available to your Staff for review on 29-30 August. Copies of documents selected by your investigators were forwarded to you on a classified basis on 10 September. If desired, I would be happy to comment on any of these materials or to table them for discussion before the Committee. However, in view of their classified nature, I respectfully request that such a discussion continue in an executive session of the Committee.

Mr. Chairman, I regret that the impression has been generated that CIA has withheld information concerning research into behavioral modification and drug testing. We are only here today because we volunteered information on these matters to you as it was discovered. We will continue to do so. I give no guarantee that this is the last of the material on this subject that will be discovered, but I do guarantee that this Subcommittee will receive anything else within its purview that is found. Over the last seven weeks, we have provided your investigators with nearly eight linear feet of documents and, as you know, there is more classified material awaiting review by your Staff at CIA headquarters.

I am sure that both of our Staffs are laboring under the large volume of papers. I am pleased that the material already furnished has been treated with the discretion required by its classification.