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## MKUltra

- Dr. Frank Olson threatened to resign and leak information to the press
  - He was drugged with LSD and sent to a psychiatric institution
  - He "fell" from a 13-story window 9 days later
  - His family was paid \$750,000 in a settlement
  - Years later, his son had his body exhumed and reanalyzed by independent autopsy
    - Found blunt-force trauma to the head that wasn't a result of the fall

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## MKUltra

- Also experimented with...
  - Other drugs that create psychosis
  - Electro-convulsive shocks to the brain
  - Exposure to radiation
  - Hypnosis and sleep suggestion, often under drugged states
  - Solitary confinement
  - Sleep deprivation
  - Sensory deprivation




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## MKUltra

- Project discontinued in 1964 and paperwork was ordered destroyed in 1973, but some of the documents had been misfiled
  - Misfiled documents discovered in 1977
  - 20,000 documents, estimated to be less than 1% of the total MKUltra files
- Led to Congressional investigation, which found the documents to be true
  - But not one person was jailed or fined
  - Supreme Court barred civil suits from citizens

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## After MKUltra

- Later discovered CIA continued mind-control experiments until at least 1970s

- MKSearch – testing truth-serums in interrogations
- MKOften – testing effects of neurotoxins
- Project Bluebird/Artichoke – testing effects of drugs and hypnosis to create amnesia and “Manchurian candidates”




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## After MKUltra

- Stargate Project – investigated methods of creating telepaths and “psychic soldiers” that could kill with their minds
- Operation Acoustic Kitty – Created remote control cats with microphones sewn into their fur to secretly capture conversations
- Operation Midnight Climax – tested “date rape” drugs to be used on foreign dignitaries, so they could be drugged and photographed naked with children in order to be blackmailed
- And these are the ones we know about!

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## MKUltra and Modern Era

- American Psychiatric Association and American Psychological Association was complicit in these projects, even filling top CIA positions
- In 2014, it was discovered that the APA was helping US develop torture techniques up to 2009
  - Psychologists had collected \$81 million to develop and oversee interrogations at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay
- APA has ignored popular votes among members to stop all involvement in interrogations
  - Which is standard in other medical associations

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## MKUltra and Modern Era

- In July, 2015, independent investigators found...
  - APA was knowledgeable of involvement of members in interrogations and actively sought to hide this from the public, including its members
  - Top APA leadership secretly met with the CIA and Defense Department to develop "definitions of torture" to legally protect enhanced interrogation techniques
  - Harassed APA members who threatened to leak information to the press

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## MKUltra and Modern Era

- Since then...
  - APA's CEO, deputy CEO, Communications Chief and others have resigned
  - APA **finally** adopted clear prohibitions of members from being involved in interrogations and other forms of torture




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