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From military officers to prison inmates, the ranks of ordinary Americans who claim to have been the unwilling subjects of mind control research continue to grow.

By JOHN GIMTER

I was a victim of psychological behavior modification experimentation because of my political beliefs. I want people to know about my experience so that they may realize that the U.S. government is developing mind control technology using U.S. citizens without their consent. It is hiding its rights abuses with the National Security Act.

The experiments I was involved in took place at San Quentin starting in 1967, after I had been in the prison system for 10 years. They lasted 17 months, ran 24 hours a day nonstop

and used a sound projection that simulated environments. I was tested psychologically, and the experiment was designed to study my fears, weaknesses and reactions in order to develop a means to control people.

That may be hard to believe, but a good comparison would be the Tuskegee syphilis experiments on black men that the National Institutes of Health funded until the 1970s. The subjects were not given a cure although one was available. In my case, the unethical experiments were performed not on my body, but my mind.

One victim, John Akwei, has filed a suit [Washington, D.C. Civil Action No. 92-0449] alleging "remote neural monitoring and electronic brain-link technology." The theory behind this technology is that the brain emits electromagnetic energy which can be detected and analyzed as an electroencephalograph (EEG) does. Computers can correlate behavior and speech to the brain wave signals, permitting

thoughts to be remotely deciphered.

This theory works in reverse also. Stimulating and controlling behavior, the brain communicates via electromagnetic signals, and certain frequencies create and correspond with specific mood states and behavior. The brain cannot distinguish a foreign signal from its own. By targeting the subconscious mind with messages, as hypnotists do, the remote operator can target the subconscious, making this technology a very potent mind control weapon.

Using mind control technology, the experimenters know what I was thinking and feeling. I filed a court case in 1988 stating, "[A] brain device at San Quentin is being used upon [me] to alter or destroy [my] brain" and "the machine emitted electromagnetic waves which stimulated petitioner's brain."

I think that the goal of the behavior experiments performed on us was to develop the computer-brain technology for political purposes and as an intelligence tool. Using Pavlovian conditioning with negative psychological stimulus, manipulators can change your behavior.

For example, they verbally attacked my conservative political views all day long for days on end. They would praise all of the Marxists around me,

such as the world-famous leader of the Soledad Brothers, George Jackson, who was in a nearby cell. As in brainwashing, they tried to change my values.

A Canadian court case, *Orlikov v. U.S.* (682 F.Supp 77 [D.C.C.1988]) describes brainwashing and details a history of mind control experimentation by the CIA. In these experiments, which have relevant similarities to my own experience, a radio telemetry laboratory was used.

Journey Into Madness: The True Story of Secret CIA Mind Control and Medical Abuse, which chronicles the *Orlikov* case, states, "It was managed by Mr. Rubenstein who stated that he would create the electronic equipment to be used on patients that 'would enter the deepest corners of their minds.' He told his coworkers that he would also provide the groundwork for a system that could be used to monitor human activity at a point remote from the subject under study." TATTLE TALE TV

At about the time that I was experimented on, my mother—who never lost faith in me—saw an episode of the CBS television show *The 21st Century* called "Miracle of the Mind." It described experiments around the country, stating that research was being directed toward controlling the

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Former intelligence officer John Marks is shown in 1977 releasing CIA files proving the spy agency performed "behavior control" experiments on prisoners.

Claims Prisoners Brainwashed

mind, for example, by implanting animals with electrodes and manipulating their behavior. Scientist David Krach warned about ominous abuses of the technology that could occur.

Since mind control techniques are still classified, I have absolutely no remedy under the law. Mind control research may have begun in the 1960s and evolved into a full-fledged competition between the two super powers, much like the nuclear arms race. Several independent sources support this claim. Two examples: The CIA's *Stargate* report describes both the Soviet interest in psychic research for military purposes and the United States' subsequent programs of psychic research. An article in *Chemical and Engineering News* (Feb. 5, 1986) describes a Hong Kong professor's suit against the U.S. government. His case "raises the University of Science and Technology on [the] grounds that it was involved in continuing mind control work."

GOAL REACHED?

When I tried to convert outside, the experiment changed as suddenly as it had begun, as though its goal had been met. Apparently looking for my breaking point, the mind-benders

found it. Their fear tactics temporarily changed my anti-Zionist views to Merzism, and I wrote to the East German government for asylum. I still have the reply I received.

The overt, aggressive firms stopped, but the experimenters continued to monitor my actions to see what other changes might result. Since then, I have told everyone I meet about the MIND device. I even filed a complaint with the FBI, and FBI agents interviewed me for about an hour. That yielded me no benefit, however, nor did the Freedom of Information Act request I filed.

It has been incredibly difficult for me to convince other people that scientists would attempt to conquer the mind, despite the nuclear arms race, genetic engineering, nanosecond computers, Star Wars satellites and other advanced technology. Since the United States and other governments are known to have developed the deadliest toxins and germ warfare, why would they shy away from exploiting the mind?

Now, other prisoners are describing experiences similar to mine. There are also many articles supporting the reality of the MIND device. On March

20, 1978, the *Los Angeles Times* carried one entitled "Mind-Reading Machine Tells Secrets of the Brain." Reporter Norman Kempster stated, "Since 1973, a little-known Pentagon agency has been studying ways to plug a computer into an individual's brain waves . . . The Advanced Research Projects Agency says the \$1-million-a-year program has passed its initial laboratory tests and is ready for determination of its military uses." Contracts with UCLA, Stanford and MIT, among others, were listed.

Several independent sources describe Russian mind control technology in publications such as *Defense News* (Jan. 11, 1977, 1993) which stated:

Known as acoustic psycho-converters, the capability to control minds and alter behavior of civilians and soldiers may soon be shared with U.S. military, medical and political officials, according to U.S. and Russian sources.

The Russian authors of a paper quoted in the story wrote:

As far as it has become possible to probe and correct psychic contacts of human beings despite their will and consciousness by instrumental means . . . results having been achieved (on part of our) control and be used with inhumane purposes of manipulating psychics . . .

World opinion is not ready for dealing appropriately with the problems coming from the possibility of direct access to the human mind.

Although "U.S. sources said government officials and leaders from the business and medical communities will consider Russian offers to place the mind control capability under bilateral controls, it is not hard to imagine intelligence agencies racing to find computer-brain weapons before the other side gains the advantage."

IN THE OPEN

After 30 years of classified research, the U.S. government is starting to openly use electromagnetic warfare technology in police forces, prisons and the military.

During the 1960s and 1970s, prison life in California was vastly different from today. I was sentenced before Angela Davis successfully challenged the indeterminate sentencing law. If not for her efforts, I might still be in prison.

There were many reasons for the anger and violence displayed by San Quentin prisoners at the time and, on January 12-16, 1967, a massive protest disturbance brought the summering

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John Glaser claims he and other inmates were victimized by federally sponsored mind-control experiments.

Former Prisoner

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clusion in the institution to a boil. Black prisoners wanted better jobs, training and representation. I was in a cell next to George Jackson, a radical who was later killed by the guards. I also knew Caryl Chessman, whose worldwide appeals taught the prison administration a lesson about how much trouble an educated prisoner could be, but who was nevertheless executed in 1960. Caryl got me interested in law.

Sirhan Sirhan, convicted of assassinating Robert Kennedy, was also there and on the same psychological testing program (run by chief-of-the-prisons Dr. Edward Simpson-Kallas, Simpson-Kallas and Dr. Schmidt, chief psychiatrist for the prison, disagreed with Associate Warden James Parks about Sirhan's sanity.

Simpson-Kallas felt that Sirhan had been hypnotized and did not plan the assassination. Parks stopped Simpson-Kallas from examining Sirhan, and, after a clean, six-year record with the prison, Simpson-Kallas handed in his resignation over this disagreement.

When I was transferred to Vacaville Medical Prison, the prison psychiatrist there tried to give me electro-shock therapy. My mother refused to sign the papers, however. I believe that they wanted to discredit me so that I could never testify or stop their behavior-control experiments. Since I was released in 1977, I have been working to expose the MIND device.

I hope to prove in court that Parks knew about this experimentation but signed a national security oath to keep silent. There has been a growing bureaucracy to enforce national secu-

ry among the many government and private research institutions, and security is the overriding factor in these court cases—even when laws are proven to have been broken.

Parks worked at Vacaville Medical Prison when Dr. William C. Keating Jr. and Dr. Ralph Urbino, a retired airman, formed a nonprofit, tax-exempt and shadowy Solano Institute for Medical and Psychiatric Research (SIMPR).

This may have been a front organization for funding the experiments performed on me by the CIA. Books describing illegal and inhumane experiments at Vacaville include James Mitford's *Kind and Usual Punishment*, which describes "hideous tests," and John Marks' *Search for the Manchurian Candidate*.

While a prisoner in 1965, I played bridge with Keating, high-ranking officers from nearby Travis Air Force Base and professors and their wives from the local universities. I made some enemies with my political views. Two years later, the mind control began.

I also hope to prove in court that the former director of the California Department of Corrections, Raymond Procunier, a Reagan appointee, had knowledge of the experiments with the MIND device. He also would have had a security clearance.

In 1973, California Gov. Reagan announced a proposal by Dr. Louis Jolyon ("Jolly") West, a well-known CIA consultant and chief of the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, to establish a new "Center for the Study of Violent Behavior." His proposal was to

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Raises Question of Mind Control

include a study of prisoners. I believe that the public outcry against this proposal caused the related behavior research to go underground.

The *Final Report Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments* states that at Vassar's prison:

That CIA provided Dr. James Hamilton funds to set up and operate a so-called "sleep laboratory" whereby he could do his own research but would be available to

do research for [the] CIA at the agency's request. . . . In contrast to the description in the 1961 document, Hamilton stated further that [the] CIA never, in fact, utilized the laboratory before it was shut down.

In light of my experience and considering that Hamilton was a West Coast supervisor for MK-ULTRA research for the CIA, I believe he may have misrepresented facts in the

name of national security.

Today, victims are organizing; David Fratus has fought to publicize his case in Utah. Perry Dardar of Louisiana describes the same type of experiments that I endured; Gregory Lambros, another prisoner, even has hired a law firm to organize a mind control database for victims. Therapist Patsy Russell Manning has writ-

ten a book called *Mind Control in the U.S. Prison System*.

Looking back to 1967, I see that we have made great progress against tremendous odds. In prison, time takes on a new meaning; I learned that I must be patient—but persistent. I hope that victims will contact me so that we can make consistent progress as a group.



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