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Project MK Ultra: a Site of Forgotten Calamity

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About

- A digital archive was created with fifteen artifacts relative to the CIA's Project MK Ultra

- MK Ultra was a set of top-secret CIA experiments from 1953 to 1973 in order to test the effects of various drugs and hypnosis on often unwitting subjects for the purpose of espionage

- Was able to be done because of secrecy and contemporary wide-scale national paranoia from the Cold War

- As several documents were destroyed in 1973 when the experiments were halted, there exist few places digitally that contain much information on the experiments

- An archive was thus expedient in order to propagate general knowledge pertinent to understanding the experiments and their effects

Sample Artifacts

(Right) An excerpt from one of the artifacts discusses techniques used to answer whether "accurate information [can] be obtained from willing or unwilling individuals."

(Left) One excerpt from another artifact discusses "the use of any drugs, chemicals, gases, or areosols that could be… used as a trigger" and "any ideas concerning the use of [hypnosis]… to audiences of various sizes."

The website created to house the archive can be found here:
https://cobybanet14.wixsite.com/pmku-siteofcalamity