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Navy Mind Control

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U.S. Navy research on "mind control techniques" cannot be performed on human subjects without the authorization of the Under Secretary of the Navy, according to a new Navy Instruction (pdf).

"The Under Secretary of the Navy (UNSECNAV) is the Approval Authority for research involving … severe or unusual intrusions, either physical or psychological, on human subjects (such as consciousness-altering drugs or mind-control techniques)."

The nature and scope of any such Navy research could not be immediately discovered.

See "Human Research Protection Program," Secretary of the Navy Instruction 3900.39D, November 6, 2006 [at section 7(a)(2), page 9].

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