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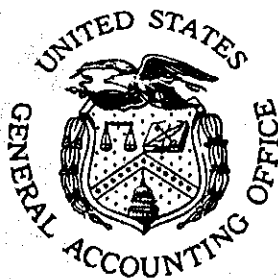
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Health Effects Of Exposure To Herbicide Orange In South Vietnam Should Be Resolved

Since 1977 Vietnam veterans have been contacting the Veterans Administration about health problems which they believe were caused by exposure to herbicides in Vietnam.

Problems in identifying personnel exposed to herbicides and determining the possible health consequences of such exposure have hampered VA efforts to resolve veterans' concerns.

This report recommends that the Department of Defense, with the assistance and guidance of an appropriate interagency group, conduct a survey of any long-term medical effects on military personnel who were likely to have been exposed to herbicides in South Vietnam. It also recommends several additional actions VA and DOD should take.



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