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Major Jack Spey, USAF (Retired)
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Dear Major Spey

I want to thank you for your offer of assistance and for the copy of the Ranch Hand Vietnam Association mailing list. We are planning to contact the Association's members in the near future and request that they complete a very short questionnaire concerning their ranch hand duties and current health status.

We have concluded after a very intensive search of the world's literature, that there is no basis for any of the current symptoms claimed to exist by a few Vietnam veterans that can be attributed to herbicide orange exposure. However, as a physician, I want to be absolutely certain that something has not been overlooked.

I want to thank you again and I have attached a copy of our recent report, The Toxicology, Environmental Fate, and Human Risk of Herbicide Orange and Its Associated Dioxin.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Garth B. Dettinger", is written over the typed name.

GARTH B. DETTINGER
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Deputy Surgeon General

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