

Dr. Jim Reckner
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Dear Dr. Reckner:

My colleagues and I propose to submit a session of two papers addressing the question of whether friendly troops could have been either directly or indirectly exposed to herbicides sprayed in Vietnam as part of the American defoliation and crop destruction programs. *These presentations will cover the historical and scientific material presented in articles in the November 2004 issue of the international journal Environmental Science and Pollution Research.*

Moderator and session chair will be Dr. John F. Guilmartin, Jr., of the Department of History, The Ohio State University, who served *two combat tours in Southeast Asia as an Air Force Pilot flying "Jolly Green" long range rescue helicopters. as an USAF Air Rescue crewmember in Vietnam.* Presenting the paper on whether friendly forces were directly exposed to USAF herbicide contamination in Vietnam will be Dr. Paul F. Cecil, Sr., Historian and Archivist for the RANCH HAND Vietnam Association, who served as an Instructor Pilot in the 12th Air Commando Squadron, which was responsible for herbicide operations in Vietnam. Presenting the paper on Herbicidal Dissipation and Degradation in Relation to the *Assessment of Exposure of Ground Troops* will be Dr. Alvin L. Young of the Institute for Science and Public Policy, The University of Oklahoma, *a USAF veteran closely associated with studies on the toxicology, environmental fate, and human risk of Agent Orange and its associated dioxin.*

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Respectfully,

Paul F. Cecil, Sr.

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