

Dear Mr. Detra:

This responds to your request concerning herbicide information.

The mission of the U.S. Army & Joint Services Environmental Support Group (ESG) is to provide research in support of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) claims and to show the proximity of herbicide spray missions to unit base area locations in Vietnam. We do not provide general historical documentation nor copies of records for large periods of time without a specific incident.

We have enclosed 1967-1968 spray mission maps annotated with the approximate locations listed in your request. These maps graphically represent U.S. Air Force Ranch Hand spray missions flown during those years. The darkened tracts are approximations only and not drawn to scale. The spray tracts represent fixed wing herbicide spray missions using Agents Orange, White, and Blue. These maps are intended to show veterans where herbicides were sprayed in relationship to their base camp location and area of operations. It is important to note that location in or near a darkened area on a map is not necessarily a positive exposure.

U.S. Army chemical units also conducted helicopter and ground based spray missions. We know that perimeters of base camps and fire support bases were frequently sprayed. Maps representing these spray missions are not available.

We are unable to provide a computer analysis of the provinces listed in your request; however, a computer analysis was performed to see if any Agent Orange spray applications were conducted within 8 kilometers (km) and 1 day of the other locations listed in your request. Our computer has all the documented fixed wing, helicopter and ground spray applications contained in the Ranch Hand

and Services Herb tapes. The 8 km, 1 day criteria is the ESG established parameter. When a herbicide spray mission comes within the time and distance parameters of a given location, this location would receive a hit. Our analysis revealed that Cu Chi, Dau Tieng, and Landing Zone Sally received a total of five (5) days of exposure to Agent Orange during your Vietnam service. The distances from spray path and proximity periods are provided in the enclosed computer printouts.


You may contact your local Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) to apply for VA benefits related to exposure to Agent Orange. Also, in June 1988 the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for payments to begin from the Agent Orange Payment Program. You may obtain instructions on submitting a claim by contacting the Agent Orange Payment Program, P.O. Box 110, Hartford, CT 06104 or call the toll free telephone number at 1-800-225-4712.

Also, we are enclosing copies of the Department of Veterans Affairs [Veterans Administration] Agent Orange Briefs, News Releases, Agent Orange Review, and the ESG's Herbicide Status Report, which will answer some of your questions.

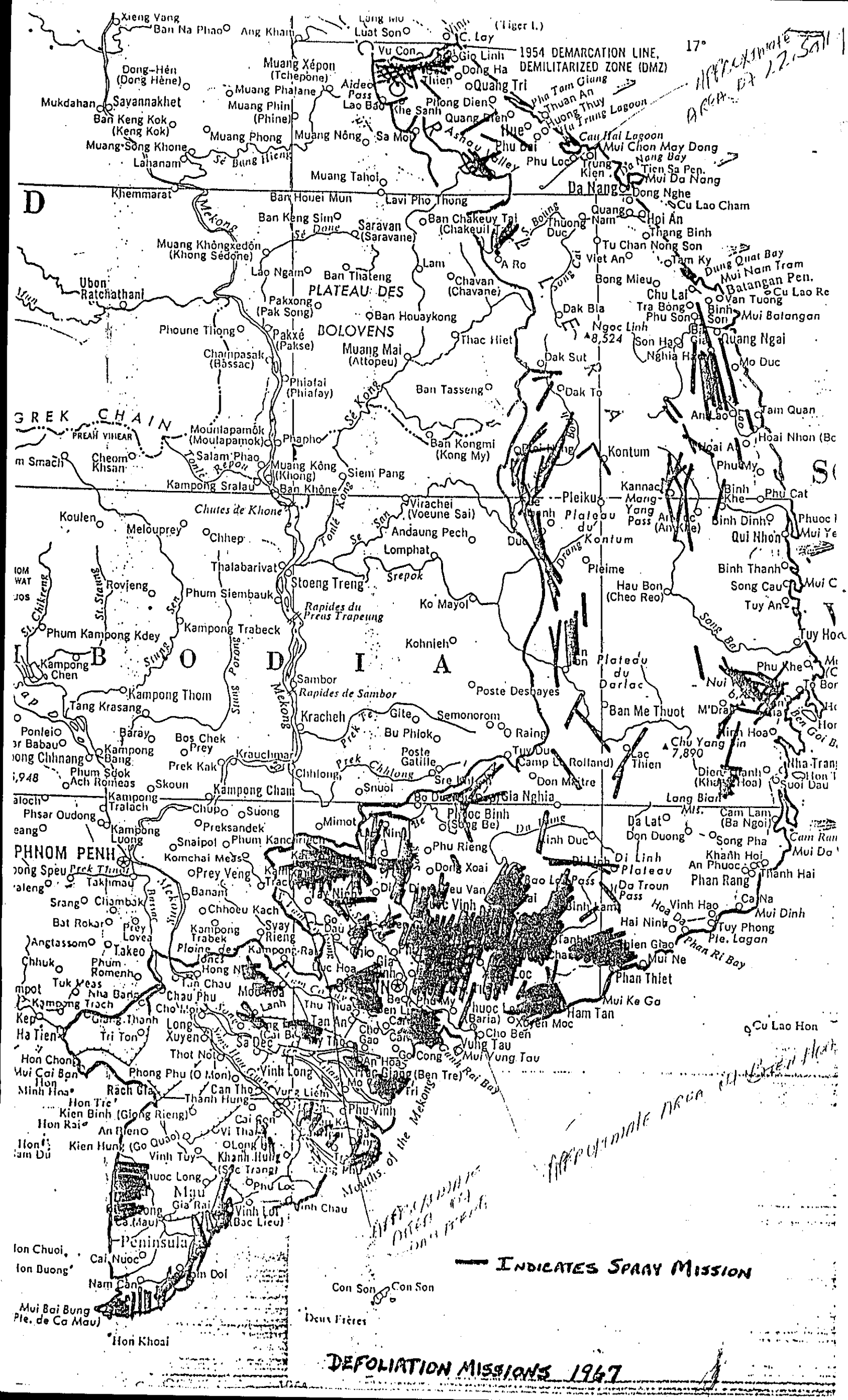
Please be advised that future correspondence to ESG should be addressed to: U.S. Army and Joint Services Environmental Support Group (ESG), Building 5089, Stop #387, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060.

We trust we have been of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


for Donald C. Hakenson
Director

Enclosures





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