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Mr. Stephen S. Minikes  
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Dear Steve:

I was very impressed to read that Reid & Priest plans to provide 10,000 hours of legal services annually to the community.

The purpose of this letter is to request urgently that a couple thousand of those hours be dedicated to working with me in connection with the following issues:

1. National Marrow Donor Program. I Chair this program which has registered 800,000 Americans and thousands of citizens in foreign countries to provide marrow to otherwise terminally ill patients who do not have a family match. We are transplanting about 50 patients per month.
2. Agent Orange Coordinating Council. I am Chairman of this Council which badly needs help in achieving Agent Orange legislation. President Bush honored my efforts, during his tenure, by authorizing compensation for Vietnam veterans suffering from Non-Hodgkins lymphoma, soft tissue sarcoma, peripheral neuropathy, and chloracne. However, as the attached study done by me for Secretary Derwinski shows, there are about 24 more health effects for which compensation is still required.
3. International Consortium for the Research of Health Effects of Radiation. I Chair this organization composed of the following institutions: Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Texas Methodist Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine, National Marrow Donor Program, Hadassah Hospital Jerusalem, and the Ministry of Health of Russia, among others. We are studying the health effects of the Chernobyl explosion and seeking to prepare a nuclear accident SWAT team of scientists, health experts, and operational personnel ready and equipped to deal with the next major explosion.

I would be delighted to brief you and your associates in depth on these projects. Please let me have your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)