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The Honorable Alan K. Simpson
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Dear Senator Simpson:

I very much appreciate your letter of February 27 concerning the holding of a hearing some time during the 104th Congress.

As you know, the major interest at this time on the part of the members of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council is to achieve funding for the research by private, respected U.S. medical organizations of the populations in Vietnam exposed to Agent Orange in order to provide definitive scientific answers for the benefit of U.S. Vietnam veterans.

The objectives to be accomplished by the research should comprise the following:

1. The establishment of cancer registries in both north and south Vietnam;
2. The establishment of birth defects registries in both north and south Vietnam;
3. The conduct of research designed to provide definitive information as to whether dioxin is an initiator of promoter of cancers in human;
4. The conduct of reproductive-developmental research projects;
5. The conduct of endocrine research--sex hormones, thyroid, diabetes;
6. The continuation of immune deficiency research;

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7. The conduct of neurological research (especially cognitive and behavioral deficits in children);

8. The establishment of biomarkers of exposure and genetic sensitivity;

9. The research of women's diseases--endometriosis; cervical, breast, ovarian cancers;

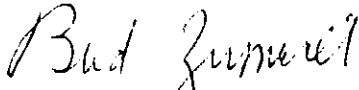
10. The survey of other causes of illness--infectious diseases; dependencies on drugs, alcohol, tobacco, chemicals; nutritional deficiencies; etc.;

11. The research of hyperlipidemia leading to atherosclerosis, heart disease, and stroke.

I would welcome any thoughts that your staff may have concerning the above. It may be that some dialogue before hearings would help us to obtain better focus during the hearings.

Again, my sincere gratitude and best wishes.

Respectfully,



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