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Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, Jr.
Chairman, Agent Orange Coordinating Council

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Dan Flanagan delivered your letter requesting hearings on the issue of Agent Orange to my staff.

I do appreciate your thoughts, and your commitment to this issue. And I would anticipate hearings before the Committee on the questions raised by legislation providing presumptive compensation and priority treatment for Vietnam veterans. I would expect such a hearing some time during the 104th Congress - - albeit, not in the immediate future.

Agent Orange has proved to be as difficult an issue as has come out of the Vietnam experience. I hope that, in time, and based on sound scientific data, we will be able to put the matter behind us. I certainly am committed to working toward that end.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


Alan K. Simpson
Chairman