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24th July, 1992

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., (Ret.)
Chairman;
~~Agent Orange Coordinating Council~~

RE: Enclosed Copy Of Letter.

Dear Admiral Zumwalt;

Enclosed, please find a photo-copy of a letter, that I sent to Ms, Cynthia Abel, of the National Academy Of Sciences, concerning the Public Meeting to be held on 9th September, 1992.

You may share the enclosed, with the membership of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council.

Keep in touch..

With the best interest of the Vietnam Veteran, their families, and those who still feel the effects of exposure to herbicides in mind,

I remain;

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21st July, 1992

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Ms. Cynthia Abel
Institute Of Medicine
National Academy Of Sciences
#2101 Constitution Avenue,
Washington, D.C., 20418

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Re: Upcoming Meeting-9th September, 1992.

Dear Ms. Abel;

I am in receipt of the Public Meeting notice, for the public meeting that will be held on 9th September, 1992, in the National Academy Of Sciences Auditorium, at 9:30 am, and your agency is looking to solicit scientific information on the health effects of exposure to Dioxin, and other Herbicides, and the effect on the Vietnam Veteran, and his/her family member.

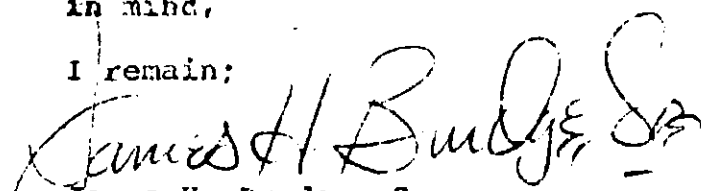
I would like to have the opportunity to give oral testimony concerning this very important issue.

Please let me know by return mail, if I will be given the opportunity to testify, and if I will need copies of my testimony, for Committee members, and how many copies that I will need to provide the Committee.

I trust that I will hear from your office, in the near future on this matter. I thank you in advance for allowing me to come and give testimony, with regards to exposure to Agent Orange, and the toxic by-product, Dioxin.

With the best interest of the Vietnam Veteran, their families, and those who STILL feel the effects of exposure to herbicides in mind,

I remain;


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SEARCHING FOR THE TRUE ANSWERS!!!

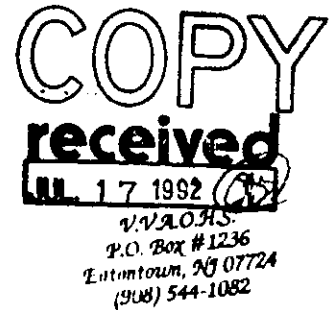
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Institute of Medicine
*Committee to Review the Health Effects in
Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides*

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

September 9, 1992
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

National Academy of Sciences Auditorium
2101 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20418



The *Committee to Review the Health Effects Among Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides* of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention will hold a public meeting to solicit scientific information on the health effects of exposure to dioxin and other chemical compounds in herbicides used in Vietnam during the Vietnam era.

Persons interested in making a brief oral presentation (5-7 minutes) should contact Ms. Cynthia Abel as soon as possible and no later than August 26, 1992. Oral testers will be chosen by the committee to represent all points of view from those who apply by August 26, 1992. For those not able to attend the public meeting or to testify, written materials will also be accepted and given equal weight to oral testimony if received by September 9, 1992. Ms. Abel can be contacted by telephone at (202) 334-2357, by FAX at (202) 334-2031, or by electronic mail (BITNET) at CABEL@NAS.

As called for in Public Law 102-4 and at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences is to review and evaluate the available scientific evidence regarding associations between diseases and herbicide exposure. For each disease and/or condition, the IOM is to determine, to the extent that available scientific data permit meaningful determinations, (1) whether a statistical association with herbicide exposure exists, taking into account the strength of the scientific evidence and the appropriateness of the statistical and epidemiological methods used to detect the association; (2) the increased risk of the disease in question among those exposed to herbicides during Vietnam service; and (3) whether there exists a plausible biological mechanism or other evidence of a causal relationship between herbicide exposure and the disease in question. The IOM will also make recommendations concerning the need, if any, for additional scientific studies to resolve areas of continuing scientific uncertainty.

The IOM will not make recommendations regarding specific individual cases. While the report will provide scientific information for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider in making determinations about compensation, these decisions remain the responsibility of the Secretary. Thus, testimony at the hearing should be focused on interpretations of the existing scientific literature relevant to the committee's charge.

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Diseases and adverse effects to be considered include: (1) cancers of the stomach, colon, hepatobiliary tract, testis, prostate, kidney, and brain, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia, and soft tissue sarcoma, and other cancers; (2) metabolic disorders including altered lipid metabolism, porphyria cutanea tarda, and diabetes; (3) autoimmune and other immunological disorders; (4) neurologic and psychosocial disorders; (5) disorders of the digestive system including gastrointestinal ulcers and hepatotoxic effects; (6) reproductive disorders including birth defects, miscarriages, and abnormal sperm morphology; (7) chloracne and other skin disorders; (8) circulatory disorders; and (9) respiratory disorders.

To conduct this review, the IOM will establish a committee of about 15 members representing a wide range of expertise in environmental and occupational medicine, toxicology, pathology, genetics, clinical oncology, psychology, epidemiology, and biostatistics. The committee chair is Harold Fallon, M.D., Department of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, and the vice-chair is Donald Whorton, M.D., ENSR Health Sciences. Members of the IOM staff are: Michael A. Stoto, Ph.D., study director, Susan Rogers, staff officer, Cynthia Abel, research associate, Catherine Wesner, project assistant, and Jana Katz, student intern.

The meeting is open to the public at no cost, and no preregistration is required. Attendees are asked to register at the C Street entrance of the National Academy of Sciences upon arrival.

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