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AGENT ORANGE HEALTH STUDY

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James H. Burdge, Sr.
National Coordinator & Founder

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

Re: Enclosed Photo-Copies Of Two Letters.

Dear Admiral Zumwalt;

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans and their families, who are taking part in my Health Effects Study, on the Veterans exposure to herbicides such as Agent Orange, and other herbicides that may have contained Dioxin, I have sent two letters to:

- a) The Archivist Of The United States..
- b) The Honorable Edward Derwinski.

Enclosed you will find photo-copies of these two (2) letters.

I trust that you will make them available to the members of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council, in your next mailing to them, as both of these issues are very important to the Agent Orange issue, and it is very important to the peoples lives that this herbicide has effected.

Keep up the fine job you are trying to do, as Chairman of the "Council", and thank you for what you are trying to do for Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Keep in touch, and Welcome Home.

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;

James H. Burdge, Sr.
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8th February, 1992

James H. Budge, Sr.
National Coordinator & Founder

Mr. Donald Wilson
 The Archivist Of The United States
 National Archives And Records Administration
 Washington, D.C., 20408

Re: Pending Records Schedule #N1-442-90-5.
Agent Orange Project Files.

Dear Mr. Wilson;

It has been brought to my attention, that your agency is planning on taking an action of destroying the files of the Agent Orange Project Files, under job number and pending records schedule #N1-442-90-5, concerning the records of the Department Of Health And Human Services, and the Office of the Centers For Disease Control, with regards to the complex issue of Agent Orange.

I also understand that any comments should have been received by your agency no later than 7th February, 1992.

I just found out about this action that your agency is planning on taking yesterday, so I would like you to also except my comments, even tho it is one day past the cut-off date, for your agency to except any comments on this action.

I am conducting a Health Effects Study, on Vietnam Veterans and their families, with regards to the Veterans exposure to Agent Orange, and other herbicides that contained the unwanted by-product, Dioxin, that was used in Vietnam, and in Korea, during the Vietnam War.

Since I am conducting a Health Effects Study, and the records that your agency is planning on destroying, could help me with my research of Vietnam Veterans, and their families, and since there is STILL serious ongoing questions of interest to the Congress and to the Court system, and to Vietnam Veterans and their families, I make a request to you, and your agency, NOT TO DESTROY ANY KIND OF RECORDS UNDER YOUR CONTROL, OR THE CONTROL OF YOUR AGENCY, UNTIL THE AGENT ORANGE ISSUE IS FULLY RESOLVED, FOR VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, as this issue has taken a toll on them.

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MR. DONALD WILSON

8th FEBRUARY, 1992

RE: PENDING RECORDS SCHEDULE #N1-442-90-5.

Any kind of records, and/or information on Agent Orange, all herbicides, and Dioxin, is very important to help get this issue resolved, and to destroy them at this point in time, would do more damage than the whole war in Vietnam and Korea did.

If it is a matter of your agency does not have enough room to store the records in question, I would be willing to take control of these records in question, and to store ALL OF THEM, as these records MUST BE KEPT AND NOT DESTROYED. I do not know how the Federal Law works in a matter such as this, but I think that you and your agency could look into this matter, and find out if the records in question could in fact be turned over to me, instead of them being destroyed.

I trust that you and your agency will take my comments into thought, before any action is taken under Pending Records Schedule #N1-442-90-5.

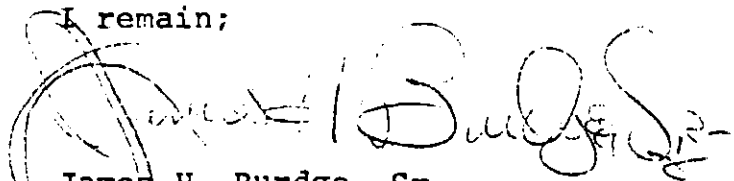
If your agency or yourself needs to contact me concerning the records in question, feel free to contact me at the address, and/or telephone number listed at the top of page one of this letter.

I would also like to be contracted in writing, before any other would take place, with regards to any files, records, memos, or documents concerning Agent Orange, other herbicides, or Dioxin, are to be considered to be destroyed.

Thank you in advance, for your time in reviewing this letter, and I trust that I will be hearing from you and your agency in the near future.

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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The Honorable Edward Derwinski
Secretary Of Veterans Affairs (271A)
Department Of Veterans Affairs
#810 Vermont Avenue, North West,
Washington, D.C., 20420

Re: Proposed Rules On Peripheral Neuropathy/Lung Cancer.

Dear Secretary Derwinski;

I am writing to you today with my comments and position, as National Coordinator and Founder of the Vietnam Veteran/ Agent Orange Health Study, who is compiling medical documentation on Vietnam Veterans and their families, with regards to the health of Vietnam Veterans and their families, due to the Veterans exposure to Agent Orange and the unwanted by-product Dioxin, and I am also commenting on behalf of those who are taking part in this very important Health Effects Study.

My comments today, are in regards to the Proposed Rules, that was printed in the Federal Register on Tuesday, 21st January, 1992, Volumn #57, Number 13, entitled "CLAIMS BASED ON EXPOSURE TO HERBICIDES CONTAINING DIOXIN (Peripheral Neuropathy/Lung Cancer)".

In the Proposed Rule named above, it states "Comments Must Be Received On Or Before 20th February, 1992", and that they must be sent to your address, and in doing that, and your receipt of this letter, I have complied with that part of the Proposed Rule.

In the Proposed Rules in question, you are looking for comments on establishing a regulation governing determinations regarding service-connection for Peripheral Neuropathy and Lung Cancer for all Veterans that claim that these disabilities resulted from their exposure to herbicides containing Dioxin while in the military service. The following will be my comments:



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THE HONORABLE EDWARD DERWINSKI

8th FEBRUARY, 1992

RE: PROPOSED RULES ON PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY/LUNG CANCER.

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

There has been many, many studies done on the workers of, and people who live in areas near herbicide manufacturers all around the world. If I took the space to mention every study, it would probably take about thirty (30) pages of printing in the Federal Register.

It is a known fact, that exposure to Dioxin has shown in people that they develop numbness and tingling of the lower extremities, that is called "Peripheral Neuropathy".

In your Proposed Rules, it stated that Peripheral Neuropathy must have manifested itself no later than ten (10) years following the date of exposure. I feel that this is wrong. It should be that anytime it develops, in the Veteran, because some Veterans out there may have the symptoms, but do not know that they have the illness, and have not went to the Veterans Administration or other doctor as they did not know that they had "Peripheral Neuropathy", they only know that their lower extremities go numb and tingle. Also everyone's body is different, as something may effect you one way, in ten (10) years, and effects me in eleven (11) years.

The rule should be if a Veteran develops Peripheral Neuropathy or signs of it anytime during or after their Military Service, it should be Service-Connected under Title #38 (USC).

LUNG CANCER

There has been many studies done in the Scientific Community on exposure to Dioxin. One study in particular is a 1989 German BASF study which showed an excess of lung cancer deaths in workers exposed to 2-3-7-8-TCDD DIOXIN.

Also with reference to the Air Force "Ranch Hand" study it showed a large amount of Lung Abnormalities for the Ranch Hand Veterans with high Dioxin levels. These "abnormalities" may have been cancers. It should not be ruled out at this time.

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THE HONORABLE EDWARD DERWINSKI

8th FEBRUARY, 1992

RE: PROPOSED RULES ON PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY/LUNG CANCER.

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The rule should be that Lung Cancer should be service-connected under Title #38 (USC) if developed at any time during or after military service, in a Veteran, due to his/her exposure to herbicides and/or Dioxin, as it may be that Dioxin can effect you one way, and me another.

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I trust that you will take my comments into consideration, when making the Final Rules on Peropheral Neuropathy and Lung Cancer, under Title #38 (USC).

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

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