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*James H. Burdge, Sr.
National Coordinator & Founder*

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Agent Orange Coordinating Council;

Re: Enclosed Information On My Health Effects Study.

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt;

My letter today is in reference to the enclosed information on the Vietnam Veteran/Agent Orange Health Study.

I had spoke to you on the telephone several months ago, when I was putting together the enclosed Health Effects Study.

I had heard that you are having your next meeting of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council on 14th January, 1992 at 2:00 p.m., in the President's Room of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. I have been in contact with Lenny Seliger as your meeting notice had requested. I will be in attendance for this meeting.

I am bringing with me for this meeting, thirty (30) copies of the enclosed Agent Orange info, and of the Health Study Questionnaire.

I have enclosed what I call Packet #A, and Packet #B.

When a Vietnam Veteran, or the family member of a Vietnam Veteran contacts me, to take part in my Study, they receive the enclosed information in Packet #A. If they decide that they would like to take part in this Study, they send me the Request Form back to me, and I send them the needed questionnaires, and medical release forms, that are in Packet #B. I need a questionnaire filled out on the Vietnam Veteran, the Veterans Spouse, and all children born either before or after Vietnam service. I also request a copy of the Veterans Dd-214, or any other kind of proof of service. When I receive the questionnaires back from the Veteran, or family member, all personnel information is removed after it is logged in, and it is all assigned a Health Study number, and this number is only know by me, and the Veteran.

ADMIRAL ELMO R. ZUMWALT, JR.

10th JANUARY, 1992

RE: AGENT ORANGE HEALTH EFFECTS STUDY.

Once I receive the questionnaires, when I look them over, many things take place, such as obtain an Agent Orange Screening for the Veteran, if the Veteran asks any questions on the issue, try to find the answer for the Veteran, and/or family member. I have also been noticing that out there, the Veteran community is feeling that the Traditional Veterans Organizations are not dealing with the Agent Orange issue enough, and they are not working up the Veterans VA Claim, and the Veterans community needs help. If I come across a Vietnam Veteran/Family Member, who needs help in a VA Claim, I have been referring them to the Vietnam Veterans Of America, in their local area.

I have had Vietnam Veterans, and the families of Vietnam Veterans contact me from around the country, for information on my Health Effects Study, as everyone who has contacted me, want to take part in some kind of a Study, to prove what they have been saying for years, that Agent Orange, and the unwanted by-product, DIOXIN, has been the reason for their severe health problems.

When I contacted Lenny Seliger, stating that I would be in attendance for your meeting that is being held on the 14th, I told her that I would be bringing copies of the enclosed, to share with whoever attends your meeting. If possible, I would like to have a few minutes of your meeting, to present what is enclosed, and discuss the enclosed, and answer any questions that may come up from the enclosed, if I can answer them.

As all things in this world, you need money to operate it. At the present time, I am funding this project out of my own pocket. I currently work a full-time, 40-hour a week job for a local town, and I conduct this Health Study, after 3:30 in the afternoon, until I fall asleep around 1:00 am in the morning, and I spend my weekends full-time on this study, such as preparing mailing of info to all who contact me about the study, or getting blank questionnaires out to the Veteran community, or just doing the day to day operation of conducting the Study. And I have found that this will be quite a bit bigger than I thought it would be, and must be done on a full-time, daily basis, by me. But to do this, I need some kind of a funding basis, so I can support my family, and still pay the bills that go along with this study, such as postage, printing costs, telephone calls, etc.

The funding basis for this study, I will be bringing up at your meeting on the 14th. Just so you know, I went out and borrowed the money to make it to Washington, to attend your meeting.

I hope that this packet arrives at your office, in enough time for you to look it over, before the meeting.

ADMIRAL ELMO R. ZUMWALT, JR.

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RE: AGENT ORANGE HEALTH STUDY.

Vietnam Veterans, and the families of the Vietnam Veteran, tell me over and over, that they want answers to the questions they ask, such as "Will Agent Orange Effect My Family"??? I think it has, and will keep on effecting the Veteran community, until a National Study with large funding is conducted, to find out the exact health status of the Vietnam Veteran, and family members.

Only then, when we find out the current health status is, will the Veterans and families be treated properly.

I am willing to take on the job of doing this National Study, if the funding can be found. I have been involved since 1974, here in New Jersey, with the Agent Orange issue, and will probably stay involved until Agent Orange takes my life, too, as it has to so many of us.

I would like to Thank You, from the bottom of my heart, for what you and your Coordinating Council are trying to do with this issue, and together we will win this fight.

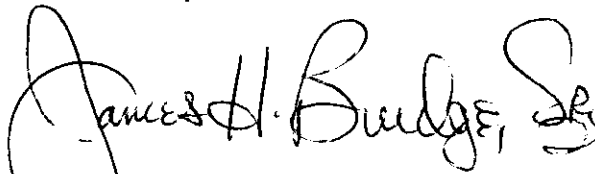
Several people who will be attending your meeting on the 14th, are aware of what I am trying to do, and have been very supportive of this project, I hope that I can convince you, too, by the time your meeting on the 14th comes to a close.

I am looking forward to finally meeting you, and this will take place on the 14th, if God willing.

Thank you in advance, for the time out of your busy day, to look over the enclosed, 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;



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