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VIETNAM VETERANS OF EXPOSURE TO HERBICIDES
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Memorandum

To: E.R. Zumwalt, Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
From: Cynthia Abel *CA*
Date: August 28, 1992
Subject: Presentation at the Public Meeting on September 9, 1992

As you know, the IOM Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides will hold a public meeting on September 9, 1992. The public meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the auditorium at the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

You have been scheduled to speak in Session I (see attached schedule). The total time allowed for each presentation is 10 minutes (approximately 7 minutes per speaker with 3 additional minutes for questions from the committee). Committee members may wish to ask questions of testifiers; however, neither the audience nor the testifiers will be permitted to ask questions of the committee members or other testifiers. There will be an overhead and slide projector available in the auditorium for your use; please let me know if you plan to use them.

If you have not already confirmed this time with us, please call Catherine Wesner, Jana Katz, or me at (202) 334-2357 or FAX at (202) 334-2031.

We look forward to seeing you at the public meeting.

Enclosures
Schedule of Speakers
Map of Area

**INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE
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**Committee to Review the Health Effects in
Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides**

**Presentations at the Public Meeting
NAS Auditorium
Wednesday, September 9, 1992
9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.**

Preliminary Agenda

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Kenneth I. Shine, M.D.
President, Institute of Medicine

Harold Fallon, M.D.
Committee Chair

Presentations

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Session I

E.R. Zumwalt, Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Ellen K. Silbergeld, Ph.D., University of Maryland at Baltimore
William W. Lewis, New Jersey Agent Orange Commission, Trenton
Betty Mekdeci, Association of Birth Defect Children, Orlando, Florida
Gerald Bender, Agent Orange Program, State of Minnesota Dept. of Veterans Affairs

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Session II

Cate Jenkins, Ph.D., Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.
Turner Camp, M.D., Veterans of Foreign Wars
Michael Harbut, M.D., M.P.H., Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine,
Southfield, Michigan
Steven Stellman, Ph.D., M.P.H., American Health Foundation, New York City
Jeanne Stellman, Ph.D., Columbia University School of Public Health, New York City

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Session III

Steven J. Milloy, Institute for Regulatory Policy, Washington, D.C.
Rockne Harmon, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California
Michael N. Sovick/David Carter, Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation, Lexington
James H. Burdge, Sr., Vietnam Veteran/Agent Orange Health Study, Eatontown, New Jersey
Hope Tinoco, Wife of Vietnam Veteran, Olathe, Kansas
Don Braksick, Vietnam Veteran, Leesburg, Florida

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Session IV

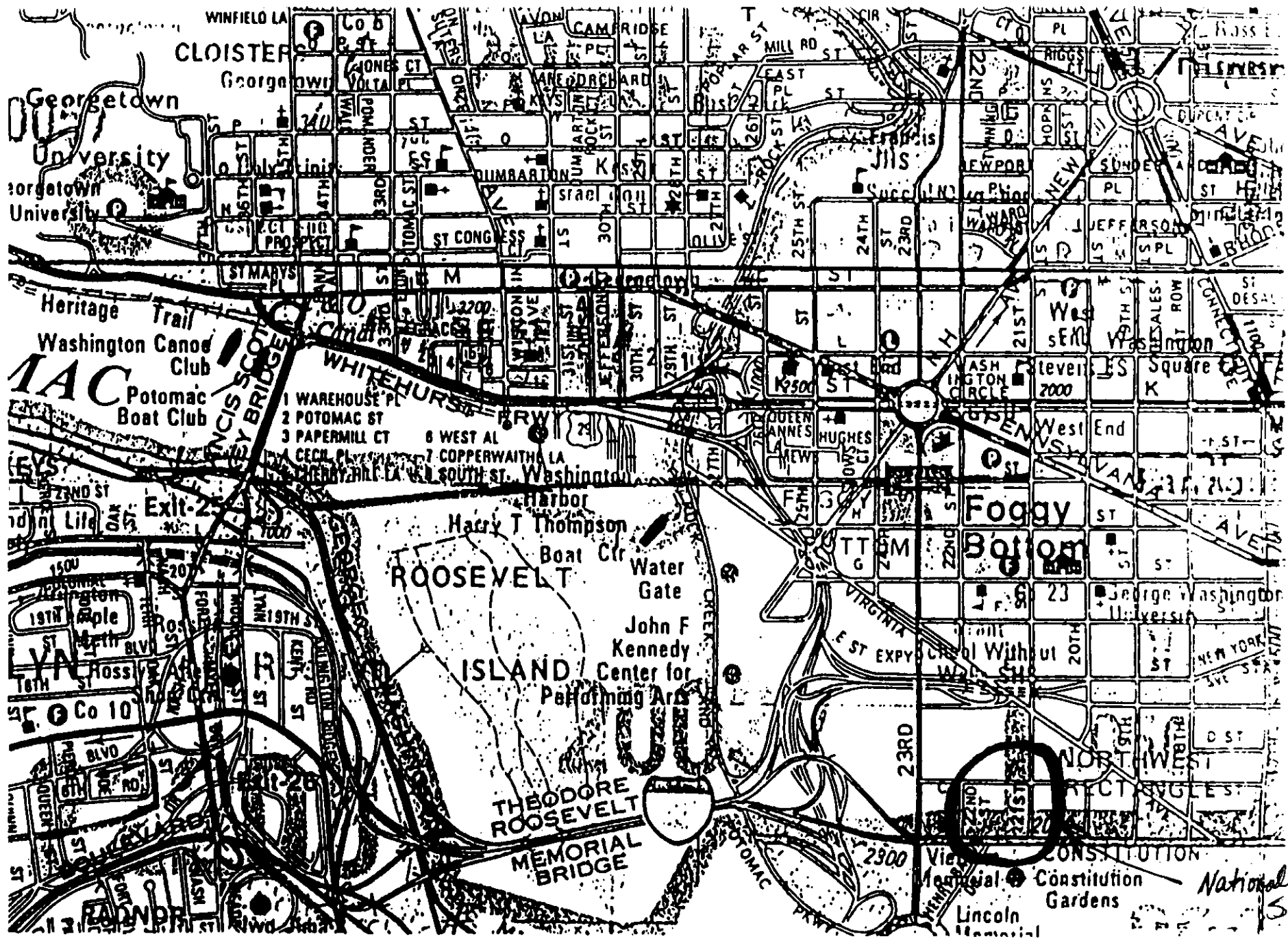
Harold Jackson, Vietnam Veteran, Houston, Texas
Julio Gonzales, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chicago, Illinois
Michael Eckstein, Vietnam Veterans of American, New Jersey Agent Orange Committee
Paulette Boland, Widow of Vietnam Veteran, Chicago, Illinois
Mike Guess, Vietnam Veteran, Jerseyville, Illinois
Jennie Lefevre, Widow of Vietnam Veteran, Shady Side, Maryland

3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Open Session

Members of the audience not scheduled to testify, who would like to address the committee will have the opportunity during this open session to present a brief statement (2-3 minutes). Standup microphones will be available in the aisles for this purpose. Persons interested in scheduling a 3-minute presentation during this open session are requested to sign up at the registration desk in the lobby of the C Street entrance.

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

NOTE: Total time allowed for each presentation is 10 minutes (approximately 7 minutes per speaker and 3 additional minutes for questions from the committee), except during the open session in which presentations are limited to 3 minutes. Committee members may wish to ask questions of testifiers; however, neither the audience nor the testifiers will be permitted to ask questions of the committee members or other testifiers. Written testimony, not limited in length, will also be accepted and given equal weight to oral testimony.



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*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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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June 30, 1992

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)
1500 Wilson Boulevard
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Thank you for your letters of June 8 and June 23, 1992 calling our attention to Dr. Scott Little and Dr. R. W. Trewyn. They seem to have expertise that might be helpful to the committee, and we will try to involve them in some way in the study.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for attending the first committee meeting last week and for speaking to the committee. We value your perspective, and the committee appreciated the chance to hear from you.

One of the more important issues that the committee faced at its first meeting was the planning for the public meeting that we have promised to convene. We have now scheduled this meeting for September 9, 1992 in the Auditorium of the National Academy of Sciences building at 2101 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. A flier with more attention is enclosed. We will soon be sending this flier to the members of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council, to all veterans groups in the DVA directory, to scientists and others known to be interested in Agent Orange or dioxin, and to others. If you know of others who should know about the hearing, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Stoto

Enclosure



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

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9 July 1992

Michael A. Stoto, Ph.D.
Study Director
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Dear Dr. Stoto:

I plan to be with you for the public meeting on September 9, in response to your kind invitation of June 30.

I will send along a list of suggested invitees within the next couple of weeks.

I would like to make a 5-7 minute oral presentation and will cover material in addition to that discussed during our last presentation.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

E.R. Zumwalt
E.R. Zumwalt, Jr.

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names please?
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Panelists

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LT. JAMES EDWARDS

COLOMBUS, IN

Dear Jim:

I appreciate your int. in com. w/ me in
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Wawa BUPERS), I have the
following advice:

1. You stand up well in your evals
2. your qual. is not sky
3. As you yourself suggest, it is critical
that you get remaining quals to qualify
as a Surface Warfare Officer.
4. Now that your skipper has had 7 mo's
ropes, is a good time to
if I were you... the
SWO qualification and \therefore urgently
need CIC and OOD training. Only he
can bring it about and if he is unwilling to
do so then I think the Navy.

I wish there were ~~another~~ an easier way to
solve the problem. respectful,