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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

This letter is in reply to your May 20 letter inquiring as to when the next biannual Agent Orange report would be disseminated by the Institute of Medicine.

We anticipate that the next report—tentatively entitled *Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 1998*—will be released in Spring 1998. *now late spring or summer*

I regret that you will be unable to attend our public meeting on June 19, but look forward // to receiving your written submission.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Butler:

Many thanks for sending me the two documents and for your letter of May 12. It was very thoughtful of you to do so.

I have only one question for you at this time. I would be grateful if you could give me a rough estimate as to when the next biannual Agent Orange report would be disseminated by the Institute of Medicine.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

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May 12, 1997

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Enclosed are copies of two new Institute of Medicine publications you may find to be of interest. We would be pleased to send additional reports if you require them.

*Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 1996 — Summary and Research Highlights*, is a condensed version of a report released last year. This summary reproduces the Preface, Table of Contents, and Executive Summary of the full report. In addition, excerpts from the report regarding peripheral neuropathies in veterans and spina bifida in the children of veterans are provided. Research on these two conditions is highlighted because of significant new information developed since the publication of the original *Veterans and Agent Orange* report in 1994.

*Characterizing Exposure of Veterans to Agent Orange and Other Herbicides used in Vietnam* is a new report which provides the technical content for a Request for Proposals for research. The intent of the RFP is to foster research which will develop and document a detailed methodology for characterizing wartime herbicide exposure for Vietnam veterans. Exposure assessment has been a weak aspect of most epidemiologic studies of these veterans and, if better models of exposure can be developed and validated, more detailed studies of herbicide exposure and health outcomes will become possible.

Please feel free to contact me at 202-334-2357 with any questions regarding these publications.

Sincerely,



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