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Dear Admiral ^{B. w. d.} Zumwalt:

I tried to reach you by phone today, but you were out of town. Unfortunately, I will not be in my office again until March 28. I usually am in after 11 AM, but frequently not before.

As to our next step, I believe we should lobby for specific Agent Orange funds from Congress, and small funding from veterans organizations or friends of veterans, such as celebrities, singers etc who can raise funds from events.

It should be possible for us to lobby for at least ten million dollars per year for veteran related Agent Orange and dioxin studies, either through a special office for this purpose, such as is being done for AIDS, or as is being done for the MIA-POW problem now, or as was done by President Nixon with respect to drug abuse with his Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention (SAODAP) which operated out of the White House, at the New Executive Office Building. There are up to 3 million veterans, plus their families, with potential exposure to and concern about Agent Orange. We spent a considerable amount of money on the MIA-POW problem which involved 2,200 former service men.

The money should be spent through grants or contracts with non governmental agencies, except possibly involving the use of CDC's excellent dioxin laboratory, which is now providing hundreds of free dioxin analyses (yearly) for the Italian government to help with Seveso-but not one to help American servicemen concerned about Agent Orange, except for the Ranch Handers. NIEHS also might wish to contribute research and obtain some funding for this future research. Dr. George Lucier, NIH's senior dioxin scientist, a biochemist, is an excellent scientist and human being. EPA, with Dr. Lynn Goldman as Assistant Administrator, and a former public health colleague of mine who I know slightly, and William Farland PhD of the Office of Research, might help us. EPA research budget is to be increased in next year's budget, we believe.

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I would suggest that we try to obtain \$6,000 from the veterans' organizations now to bring Dr. Le Cao Dai-or Dr. Nguyen Ngoc thi Phuong-to the USA again for a tour to help get funding from government agencies and from foundations. I would suggest that I accompany whichever scientist comes here and make all appointments for congressional persons, foundations, veterans' groups, the press, etc. Two weeks would be the maximum time either scientist could be away from home, I would imagine, based on past experience.

I am working with Dr. Lucier to put together a tour of scientists to Vietnam. But we seem NOT, to my surprise, to have targeted money in any agency budget for Agent Orange research.

Perhaps we could sell this to the government and the press by suggesting that the Vietnam government is now willing to cooperate with US scientists to help us, especially with the embargo gone, to solve a problem of concern to our Vietnam veterans, Agent Orange health effects.

I also need to raise a steady base funding to allow me to continue and improve the quantity and quality of my Vietnam Agent Orange research. I must try to obtain contract or grant funding for a full time research assistant and a full time first rate secretary-office administrator, and pay for travel, phone and general expenses-if we are to thrive and move forward with the new and very difficult Agent Orange health research in Vietnam. In addition, I would want to earn some consulting or faculty practice funding to help with the loss of patient care and consulting I do now, of about one half to one day per week, which helps pay our family expenses. This will include helping all three of our children who will be in institutions of higher education beginning this September. This means, to keep my office open to coordinate the general research to an extent, and minimally do my own research, \$75,000 to \$200,000 would be needed. Each additional project, as cancer from Agent Orange, or reproductive problems, would involve funding a new research team in addition. Without a base funding of at least \$75,000 per year, I have great difficulty keeping the work going. Ideally, private foundation support or an NIH or EPA contract for this public health purpose would be the best way to do this.

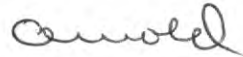
These are some of my thoughts. I think we should try very hard to lobby directly congress now and also try to bring one of the two Vietnamese physician scientists to the US soon also. Also, we might wish to arrange for you to tour Vietnam, with my assistance and coordination, to evaluate Agent Orange research in Vietnam and possibility of future research by Americans to help American veterans. Since you are a celebrity, we might try quite hard

for major press coverage of your (our) visit to Vietnam and perhaps might also try to take with us several key Congressional representatives-or set up a separate trip for them.

I can also be reached at home, although I will not be available until March 21 at home. My phone number at home is 607-772-6067. I usually am awake enough to be coherent by 8 AM at home, am in the office (607-770-8521) by 11 AM, and go to be by 10 or 11 PM. Since our work is so important, involves so many veterans and their families-and others-and is so time limited, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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