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Mr. James Sparrow
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Dear Jimmy,

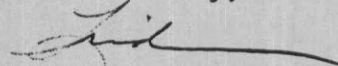
At your request, I recently worked on a telephone questionnaire of families of Vietnam veterans who had children with birth defects suspected of being a result of their father's exposure to Agent Orange while in the military. I was able to contact and complete the questionnaire with about 110 families.

Some of the findings follow:

- 1) A number of families have a child or children with correctable birth defects, but have no medical insurance or other funds available to have the necessary procedures done.
- 2) A significant number of families have a child or children with severe birth defects, children who cannot expect to grow up and lead a normal, independent life. These parents can expect to take care of these children on a full-time basis far past the age a child is usually dependent. Little or no respite care is available to many parents I spoke with.
- 3) I have a distinct impression that most of these families are taking super-human, heroic care of these handicapped children, but at the same time are suffering from isolation, depression, and despair, which affects all family members. What I heard from them again and again was their belief that no one cares.

From my work with vets and their families, I know that although they have problems of various types, most of them are dedicated and loving fathers. The grief of these veterans, as they live with and love the children that they believe were damaged as a result of their own exposure to Agent Orange is overwhelmingly sad. I truly hope that someone, somewhere responds to their desperation and anguish.

Sincerely,


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B.A.	Roosevelt University Chicago, Illinois		Education
M.A.	Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas	1972	Counseling
Ph.D.	North Texas State University, Denton, Texas	1979	Psychology

Licensed Psychologist, State of Connecticut
Certified Marital and Family Therapist, State of Connecticut
Adjunct Medical Staff, Psychiatry Department, Norwalk Hospital
Adjunct Faculty, University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Full-time Independent
Practice, 1984 - present

General clinical mix of
individuals, couples, families,
with specialty in post-traumatic
stress disorders

Consultant, Jewish Family
Services, 1984 - 1987

Supervised clinicians, consulted
with administrative staff

Adjunct Faculty,
University of CT., Stamford,
CT., 1981 - present

Teach courses in marriage and
family counseling

Volunteer, Vietnam Veteran
Center, New Haven, CT.
1980 - 1987

Counseled veterans and their
families, consulted with staff,
led groups, in-service training

Part-time Independent
Practice, 1980 - 1984

General clinical mix, with
specialty in post-traumatic
stress disorders

Psychologist,
Stamford Public
Schools, 1979 - 1984

Evaluated adolescents,
counseled parents, made
placement recommendations

Psychologist, Counseling Ctr.
North Texas State Univ.,
1978 - 1979

Counseled students, staff,
and faculty; supervised
doctoral interns

OTHER: Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor, American
Association of Marital and Family Therapists, Member of American
Psychological Association, Connecticut Psychological Association,
Fairfield County Psychological Association

MAJOR PRESENTATIONS

THE VIET NAM VETERAN AND THE NONVETERAN THERAPIST, Fairfield County Psychological Association, January 15, 1982, Westport, CT.

THE VIET NAM VETERAN AND THE NONVETERAN THERAPIST: TREATMENT IMPLICATIONS, Paper presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, August 25, 1982, Washington, D.C.

WAS YOUR PATIENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA? Lecture to the Psychiatry Department, Norwalk Hospital, June 29, 1984, Norwalk, CT.

DEBRIEFING THE VIET NAM VETERAN: TECHNIQUES FOR TREATING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, Paper presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, August 25, 1984, Toronto, Canada

TECHNIQUES FOR TREATING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN COMBAT SURVIVORS, Paper presented at the Third Annual National Conference on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, September 25, 1984, Baltimore, MD.

GROUP THERAPY WITH FORMER OFFICERS OF THE VIET NAM WAR , Paper presented at the Third National Conference on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, September 25, 1984, Baltimore, MD

TREATING THE VIET NAM VETERAN AND HIS FAMILY , Social Work Department, Norwalk Hospital, June 5, 1985, Norwalk, CT.

VIET NAM, THEN AND NOW , Television special on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders, on Channel 27, Westport, CT., filmed August 29, 1985

PATTERNS OF PARENTING IN FAMILIES OF VIET NAM COMBAT VETERANS, Paper presented at the First Annual meeting of the Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, September 23, 1985, Atlanta, Georgia

THE VIET NAM VETERAN, UNRESOLVED GRIEF, AND THE FAMILY CONTEXT , Paper presented to the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, October 19, 1985, New York City, New York

PATTERNS OF PARENTING IN FAMILIES OF VIET NAM VETERANS, Paper presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, August 25, 1986, Washington, D.C.

THE COMBAT SURVIVOR IN THE FAMILY CONTEXT; TREATING TRAUMATIZED FAMILIES , Paper presented at the Second Annual meeting of the Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, September 29, 1986, Denver, Colorado

TREATING TRAUMATIZED FAMILIES: WORKING WITH COMBAT SURVIVORS OF VIET NAM Workshop presented at the Viet Nam Veterans Center, White River Junction, Vermont, February 27, 1987

TREATING TRAUMATIZED FAMILIES: PRINCIPLES AND PITFALLS, Workshop presented on PTSD and the Family, Brockton/West Roxbury VA Hospital, March 19, 1987

THE VIET NAM VETERAN AND HIS FAMILY: TWENTY YEARS AFTER COMBAT, Paper presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, August 28, 1987, New York City, New York

TREATING TRAUMATIZED FAMILIES TWENTY YEARS AFTER, paper presented at the Vet Center/VAMC, New Haven, CT October 12, 1988

FOLLOW-UP REPORT OF RESEARCH WITH 56 FAMILIES OF COMBAT SURVIVORS, paper presented at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Dallas, Texas, October 24, 1988

A THERAPY GROUP FOR COMBAT VETERANS/RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC-ADDICTS, paper presented at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Dallas, Texas, October, 24, 1988

TREATING FAMILIES OF VIET NAM COMBAT VETERANS: TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE WAR, paper to be presented at the Fourth International Conference on Psychological Stress and Adjustment in Time of War and Peace, Tel-Aviv, Israel, January 10, 1989

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