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Report of VVAOV to the Ct. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Oct. 1988

This Report covers the Months of Aug., Sept. and Oct. 1988. The focus of VVAOV during the past three months has been an outreach to the over **five hundred (500)** families we have registered that have children with birth defects. The Outreach was conducted in the form of personal telephone contacts with the parents. Parents were asked specific questions.

Questions asked were:

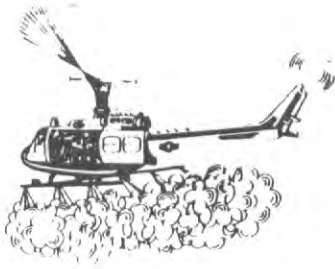
- 1) Since your last contact with us, have you had other children?
- 2) Do they have any birth defects or disorders?
- 3) What type of birth defects/disorders do they have?
- 4) Are birth defects/disorders reversible?
- 5) What are the medical cost estimates?
- 6) Do you have medical insurance to cover the cost?
- 7) Has your medical insurance been canceled?
- 8) Were you turned down for medical insurance?
- 9) Do you need or want family counseling?

Initial results of the phone survey indicate that approximately **one out of eight families** that have a child with a correctable problem have **no** medical insurance to cover the expenses. Only a handful of these families have adequate insurance coverage. The phone survey was conducted by a team of volunteers headed by Dr. Linda Reinberg, Ph.D. PC.

Enclosed please find credentials on Dr. Reinberg as well as a letter from her to this office with her assessment of the personal contact made with the families. The letter itself is a statement of the problems faced by these families concerning the health care of their children and the lack of means (insurance) to address these problems.

It is hoped by this office that the upcoming session of the Connecticut State Legislature will find the means to address the problems of these families. This office stands by to assist the Legislature in such an endeavor. Again, please read the enclosed letter from Dr. Reinberg.

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Report of VVAOV to the Ct. Dept of Veterans Affairs
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During the Months of August, September and October 1988 this office has identified 48 Ct. Vietnam Veterans. In this same time period this office has taken 730 phone calls from Ct. Vietnam Veterans and their families for information and/or assistance; 515 of these calls required a direct referral for needs of medical, administrative, legal or social assistance. Hundreds of additional calls have been taken from Ct. Lawyers, Doctors, Students, Politicians, etc. for information and/or assistance. Informational and/or assistance packages were mailed out to 317 Ct. Vietnam Veterans plus hundreds of additional packages went out to Ct. citizens, etc. The office obtained the Health Status on 54 Ct. Vietnam Veterans and their families and the following is what was reported in this time period.

<u>Cancers</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Non-Malignant Tumors</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Veterans' Deaths</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Rashes</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Behavior Changes</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Birth Defects</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>Deaths from Birth Defects</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Children with Learning Disabilities</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Miscarriages</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Showing none of the above problems</u>	<u>5</u>

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Cumulative Statistics October 31, 1988

<u>Identified Ct. Vietnam Veterans</u>	6,821
<u>Veterans that we have a health status on</u>	2,876
<u>Cancers</u>	147
<u>Non-Malignant Tumors</u>	245
<u>Rashes</u>	1,504
<u>Behavior Changes</u>	1,197
<u>Veterans' Deaths</u>	470
<u>Birth Defects</u>	560
<u>Deaths from Birth Defects</u>	54
<u>Children with Learning Disabilities</u>	116
<u>Miscarriages</u>	939
<u>Showing none of the above problems</u>	524

Respectfully Submitted

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Note: no judgement on Agent Orange Exposure is being made with this report.

cc: Members of Ct. Herbicides Information Commission; Members of Ct. State Legislature.

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