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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I am pleased that you are interested in my other reports. I have been writing them since January, 1986.

The reports come with a table of contents and a key-word index. In this manner, you can refer to any study within a very short time.

The first reports are very simplified. I was just learning how to read and report on studies in early 1986. However, as I developed experience, my comprehension and accuracy became manifest.

In most cases, you should consider the first two lines as the title of the study. The next line or two will be the author, the scientific journal, and the volume and date. The next paragraph or two (maybe three or four) will be direct quotes from the study. Usually the first paragraph is the abstract or summary. This will sum up the reason for the study and the results. These direct quotes are the nucleus of the study. These are the lines that you should pay attention to the most. And these are the lines that Government and chemical industry scientists have a tendency to interpret in their own best interests.

The rest of the report is my analysis. I request that you not pay any attention to my analysis. This is because I may be biased in some case. I volunteered for Vietnam twice, and life hasn't always been easy after it. The important aspect is that you should read the studies without any influence from me.

Some of the reports deal with aspects of agent orange which might seem trivial or mundane. This is because when the Vietnam Veterans of America asked me to do this, I wanted to cover the entire field of academic discipline.

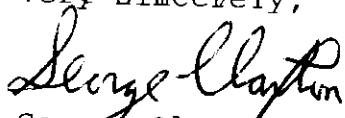
There are many cancer studies in these reports which deal with exposure to phenoxy acid herbicides. The most usual types of cancer associated with exposure are non-hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia, and soft-tissue sarcoma. Also, there are alot more studies on farmers and pesticide applicators that deal with presumed exposure to phenoxy acid herbicides.

I have on file all of the studies that are reported. If you desire a copy of any study, I will get it to you. If you want to know how the Vietnam Veterans of America views these reports, contact Tom Sherwood at the National Office of VVA (202 332-2700).

I sincerely hope that you read these reports carefully. The reports are sent to politicians but I do not think they are read. I have tried to make them very simplified. You will receive one new report per month.

Part of these reports are from the Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation. I did not write those parts. They are good but sometimes confusing.

Very sincerely,


George Claxton