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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Research Data Management

Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret)
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated August 30, 1999, requesting information regarding the reported testing of Agent Orange in Panama by the Department of Defense.

A search of the Defense Technical Information Center Technical Reports database (repository for all Department of Defense information) resulted in a no record response for information regarding the testing of Agent Orange in Panama by the Department of Defense. Our search did however, using the terms "defoliants," "herbicides" and "Panama Canal Zone," reveal six citations on these terms. A copy of these citations are enclosed for your information.

The Washington, DC Circuit Court has ruled that a no record response to a Freedom of Information and/or Privacy Act request is considered an adverse determination under 5 United States Code (U.S.C.), 552(a)(6)(A)(I). Your request resulted in a no record finding. You are advised of your right to appeal this initial adverse determination. If you desire to appeal, you should submit your appeal, stating the basis for your disagreement, to the Initial Denial Authority at the U.S. Army Medical Command Headquarters, ATTN: MCIM (FOIA IDA), 2050 Worth Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-6000, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Any fees for processing your FOIA request have been waived.

Sincerely,

Pauline Cilladi-Rehrer
Lieutenant Colonel, Medical
Service Corps
Secretary of the General Staff

Enclosure