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Dear Sir,

I received a call from Eva L. Snead, M.D. at 22:45 hours on 29 August 1988. She told me about your inquiries about oncogenic viruses. She ask me to send you documentation of our findings concerning the contamination of vaccines. In particular, she wanted me to send you the information I had on the use of vaccines contaminated with oncogenic viruses, by the military, after these same vaccines were withdrawn from civilian use because of dangers these viral contaminants posed to humans.

First, I want to briefly introduce myself by saying that I feel that it is an honor and priviledge to be able to provide you with this information. I am a Vietnam Veteran, U.S. Army, Specialist Fourth Class, 231 Signal Detachment, Hue Phu-Bai, Vietnam, 1967-1968. I used the G.I. Bill wisely. [See the enclosed resume.] I choose this study of life, after seeing all the death and destruction in Vietnam. I was sorry to hear that your son, Elmo III, had lost his battle with cancer. I have learned alot about life from the courage and strength both you, and especially Elmo III, have shown over the past few years. Also, from Elmo III and you, I have learned just how precious life really is and how important a close family can be. Again, your courage has been an inspiration for all Americans.

The following remarks are intented as an introduction to the enclosed information:

During my studies I have learned that the phenoxy acid herbicides (2,4-D and 2,4,5-T) were designed, in secret during WWII, to mimic a natural plant growth hormone, indoleacetic acid (IAA). Also, I discovered that IAA is present in the serotonin metabolic pathway in the human brain. Serotonin is a neuro-hormone responsible for controlling mood and behavior. [For more about this see especially page 8, J., in the enclosure titled: PTSD - A consequence of toxic exposure?]

Furthermore, the contaminant in these herbicides, dioxin, "mimics" another human hormone, thyroxine. And as such, dioxin usurps the cellular binding proteins which usually transport thyroxine to the chromosome. Thus, dioxin activates the DNA sequences normally activated by thyroxine. This abnormal

activation particularly of the oncogene, c-erb-A, may result in NHL. [See the enclosed Agent Orange Report XXXII, page 4, J., for more on this. Also, see A.O. Report XXI for more about how dioxin may disturb thyroid hormone levels.]

The adenovirus (flu) vaccine, contaminated with many Africa green monkey viruses, was developed by the same company that developed the phenoxy acid herbicides -- Merck, Sharp and Dome. This vaccine was cultured on tissue cultures made from green monkey kidneys. These cultures, according documents obtained thru F.I.O. requests from NIH, were contaminated with monkey viruses since 1953. However, vaccines made with these contaminated cultures were not finally removed from the market until 1963. On the other hand, the military continued to require use of adenovirus vaccines manufactured from these contaminated cultures because an effective vaccine could only made in the presence of the Simian Virus 40 or SV-40 which contaminated these monkey tissue cultures.

The DNA sequences of SV-40 can attach themselves to the human chromosomes and may be found on the same human chromosome at the same place where dioxin can activate the DNA sequence, c-erb-A. Also, in 1965, Merck, Sharp and Dome actively and successfully fought against a medication, containing thyroxine and vitamin B12, which was under FDA review. [I have enclosed a copy of a letter which I sent to Gary Null, a journalist, who is writing a series of articles on health care issues. His articles are being published. Also, another reporter that we work with has recently had a story, on SV40, run on the Pacific News Service. This story will also be published in "Progressive".

Within the enclosures is a packet which contains the first of three packets I can send to you about these chemically activated viral vaccine contaminants. [See A.O. Report XVI - THE CHEMICAL INDUCTION OF VIRAL DISEASE.] These Agent Orange Reports have been circulating within the Vietnam Veteran community for 32 months. A new issue is sent out each month; would you like to receive this newsletter? Other enclosures concern Vietnam Veteran health issues.

I will send you the remaining SV40 packets only after I know that you have received this packet.

Sincerely,

*Michael N. Sovick*

Michael N. Sovick,  
Research Director;  
a Vietnam Veteran still  
serving my country by  
providing life saving  
information. 405-360-2167

I will keep any correspondence or communication between us in strictest confidence.

Michael N. Sovick

RESUME

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EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science, University of Oklahoma, 1973.

Major: Botany

Courses: General Botany, Plant: Anatomy;  
Ecology; Kingdom; Physiology; & Taxonomy,  
Physiological & Environmental Ecology,

Minor: Zoology

Courses: General Zoology, Human Physiology,  
Genetics, Animal Ecology

Other Courses: Microbiology, Mycology, Meteorology,  
Chemistry: Inorganic; Organic; & Bio,  
Physical Geography, Environmental Conservation

O.U. Graduate School, Botany, 1973-1974.

Emphasis: Physiological Ecology

MILITARY: U.S. Army, 1966-1969, Hue Phi-Bai, Vietnam 1967-1968.

PAST EMPLOYMENT: Trainer/Utilityman - General Motors, 1979-1984.  
Hospital Monitor Technician (CCU), 1978-1979.  
University of Oklahoma Press, 1975-1977.  
Norman Public Library, 1971-1974.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA:

Charter Member Oklahoma City Chapter #291.  
Chapter #291 Treasurer, 1986-1988; Vice President, 1988-  
Member of the Executive Board Chapter #291, 1986-  
Member of the VVA Oklahoma State Council Board, 1987-  
VVA Region 7, Agent Orange Information Coordinator, 1987-  
Delegate VVA National Convention, 1987.

THE OKLAHOMA AGENT ORANGE FOUNDATION:

Member of the Executive Board, 1985-  
Staff Scientist, 1985-1986.  
Research Director, 1987-

NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS COALITION

Member thru The Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation, 1984-  
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