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23 September 1988

Mrs. Dianne Blanke

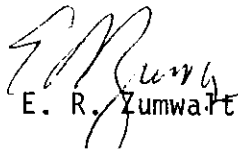
Dear Mrs. Blanke:

Thank you for your letter of September 12.

Letters such as yours are helpful to me in the work that I am doing to try to enhance the general awareness of this country to the dangers of manmade chemicals.

I salute you for your interest and for your strength.

Sincerely,

  
E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.

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September 12, 1988

Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, Jr.  
Fayetteville, N.C.

Dear Sir:

Please know of my sympathy for your son's death. My husband died in April of this year from non-Hodgins lymphoma diagnosed in 1986. My husband was 55 at the time of diagnosis. Of course his illness had no association with Vietnam, but he was in the Chemical Corps of the Army during the Korean time period, 1952-54.

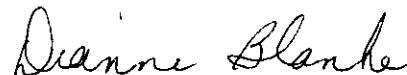
He was stationed at Fort George Meade in Maryland where he was "an enlisted specialist in analytical chemical research work dealing with toxic agents". These words are from his resume. He never said anything to me or his family about what he did. I do know that was a period when many chemicals that are now banned were being developed.

I have no interest in a crusade, but I thought it might be of interest to know if any others involved in these chemical labs have had cancer with higher rates than the population.

My husband's family is very healthy and long-lived. Our environment is detrimental to good health, and sometimes we can never be sure of what causes cancer. We do not know the cause of my husband's illness. Since 1954 he had been an attorney.

My husband and your son were courageous men in life and at death. It is a horrible disease, and the treatment is equally horrible. We can be thankful that they are at peace now.

Sincerely,



Dianne Blanke

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