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DATE: 7-9-99

TO: Col NAYLON, PSOB

FAX: _____

FROM: Paul Sullivan, Executive Director, NGWRC

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MESSAGE: Col NAYLON,

1. IN THE JULY 2 LETTER TO

CHRIS, OSAGWI SAYS THEY "HAVE NOT

YET FOUND A WAY TO CREATE SUCH A

LOG" OF ALL OSAGWI DOCUMENTS.

WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A LOG. WITHOUT

SUCH A LOG, THE NGWRC IS UNABLE

TO FOIA DOCUMENTS.

2. OSAGWI, IN THE JULY 2 LETTER

TO ME, NO LONGER CLAIMS THE

PSOB "ENDORSES" OSAGWI'S WORK.

W 7/8/99 no action req'd



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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 7, 1999. In your letter, you question my assertion that the Presidential Oversight Board has endorsed the conclusion stated on page 10 of the "*Environmental Exposure Report: Depleted Uranium in the Gulf.*"

By now, I believe you have received from the Board the full package of correspondence between the Presidential Oversight Board and my office, including a copy of Senator Rudman's February 19, 1999, letter to me. The reference for the endorsement is on page two, paragraph one of the Senator's letter:

The Board believes OSAGWI's statement on page 10 of the environmental exposure report was sufficient to serve as a report conclusion:

Based on the data developed to date, the Office of the Special Assistant believes that while DU can pose a chemical toxicity and radiological hazard under specific conditions, the available evidence does not support claims that DU caused or is causing the undiagnosed illnesses some Gulf War veterans are experiencing (p. 10).

We stand by our position as stated on page 10 of the DU environmental report and reiterated to you in my May 28, 1999, letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your concerns. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Bernard Rostker





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Mr. Chris Kornkven
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Dear Mr. Kornkven:

This letter is in response to your email, received on June 3, 1999, subject: Questions. You inquired about the status of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the Pentagon, and requested clarification on information briefed to the VSO/MSO roundtable at the Pentagon on April 15, 1999.

In one of your FOIA requests, you asked to be provided with a copy of the trip report written by OSAGWI personnel who visited Dr. Douglas Rokke to discuss DU-related issues. After obtaining Dr. Rokke's authorization to release the trip report, we provided a copy to the Director of Freedom of Information and Security Review (DFOISR) on March 8, 1999. When we contacted Ms. Curry of the DFOISR staff on June 14, 1999, she indicated that her office had not completed the actions required by the document release process. She expected to release the document by the end of the week. Regarding your other outstanding FOIA request, namely, a log of all documents maintained by our office, we have not yet found a satisfactory way to create such a log, or to meet the security requirements for its release.

Finally, you requested clarification on remarks that you attributed to an OSAGWI briefer who addressed DU training and awareness issues at the VSO/MSO roundtable. The briefer was Mrs. Dee Dodson Morris, our Director of Lessons Learned Implementation. Her briefing concentrated on the current efforts to update general and specialized DU awareness training in the Army and the on-going efforts of the Tri-service Working Group on DU Training. While review of the briefing materials reveals that the training of medical personnel was not specifically highlighted, as you noted, Mrs. Morris did state that a current video was available for use in training medical personnel. This video captures the satellite training broadcast, "Policy for the Treatment of Personnel Wounded by Depleted Uranium Munitions" produced by the US Army Medical Command and aired in December 1998 and January 1999 to a worldwide audience of DoD and VA caregivers. The Army Surgeon General has mandated that all Medical Command caregivers view this video. I hope this information clarifies the status of DU awareness training materials available for use in training medical personnel.

Sincerely,

Bernard Rostker

