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Dear Dr. Feussner:

I wanted to thank you for the forthrightness with which you declared your interest in maintaining objectivity and for your insight into the need of the veterans' community that we avoid even the appearance of conflict in Agent Orange science.

As I indicated I would, I attach a copy of the shocking report of the Weiss subcommittee. I hope you will at least read the index and introduction. If you care to glance at the minority report, you will see the extent to which industry scrambled to lobby for a counter view.

There is absolutely no doubt that the policy of the Bureau of the Budget in the Reagan Administration was to manipulate the data.

Also I would like to give you the following quotation from the transcript of the EPA Science Advisory Board meeting of May 1995. Commenting on "very personal questions about our own biases," William Greenlee, a scientist then at Purdue University, stated, "Those of us for whom dioxin supports our family, sometimes we keep looking for problems that aren't necessarily there because it puts food on the table."

Sincerely,

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Enclosure