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REMARKS

These are the guys on VA committee - also question they will try to address. Phil Brown suggests we consider, seriously presenting a briefing (at next meeting set now for Sept) on our Colvin experience, V.N. experience and disposal later. Phil will get with you to talk about this later. He arrives in July. This would, of course, be plus our protocol presentation. Idea is to give them good background.

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AGENDA

VA Advisory Committee on Health-Related Effects of Herbicides

June 11, 1979

VA Central Office
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- 10:00 A.M. Welcome - James C. Crutcher, M.D.
Chief Medical Director
- 10:05 A.M. Review of Advisory Committee's Functions and
Relationships - Paul A. L. Haber, M.D., Chairman
- 10:15 A.M. Summary of VA Steering Committee's Activities
by Steering Committee Chairman and Members
- 10:45 A.M. Herbicide Research - Lawrence B. Hobson, M.D.
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and Development
- 11:00 A.M. Individual Reports by Advisory Committee Members
on Their Activities Related to Herbicides
- 12:00 noon L U N C H
- 1:30 P.M. Continuation of Individual Reports
- 2:30 P.M. Presentation and Discussion of Written Questions
from VA Steering Committee to Advisory Committee
- 3:00 P.M. Written Questions from the Floor
- 3:25 P.M. Future Meetings
- 3:30 P.M. Adjournment

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PROPOSED QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON THE TOXIC EFFECTS OF HERBICIDES.

1. Do the available data on exposure of Vietnam veterans to herbicides permit the performance of scientifically valid epidemiological studies on the long-term health effects of herbicides in this group?
2. What are the best human population groups in which to study the long-term effects of herbicides on health, and how may these studies best be conducted?
3. Of what diagnostic value are the following procedures in assessing possible herbicide toxicity: levels of dioxin in fat pad biopsies; study of immune factors; study of chromosomal patterns; and study of liver microsomal enzymes? What additional diagnostic procedures should be considered?
4. Is it possible for herbicides to have long-term adverse effects on the male reproductive system?
5. What topics should be included in the educational curricula being developed to upgrade knowledge of potential herbicide toxicity among VA Staff members?
6. What sorts of animal studies would make the most important contributions to understanding the potentially toxic effects of herbicides in humans?
7. What additional data should be included in the VA's herbicide registry over that being currently collected?
8. What are the known facts on the persistence of dioxin and the herbicides used during the Vietnam War in water, soil and the atmosphere? Can these media serve as a source of human exposure to dioxin and herbicides?
9. What medical tests should be utilized to help establish a diagnosis of chronic herbicide-induced toxicity among Vietnam veterans?
10. Can criteria be established for determining the level of exposure of military personnel to dioxin during the Vietnam war based on spraying tapes and unit histories.
11. Will it be possible to develop standards and criteria which define the precise relationship between herbicides and dioxin with chronic adverse effects in humans? Can these criteria also specify the reasonable limits between the time of exposure to herbicides and the development of disease?

positive papers to be formed

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June 11, 1979

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