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Dietly, Richard Albert

Your records show you served at Korat: Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB), Thailand. We have conceded an exposure to Agent Orange based on this evidence along with your statement and other service personnel you worked with, noting work duties near the perimeter of the base. The law was amended to add type II diabetes mellitus as a condition associated with herbicide exposure effective May 8, 2001. 38 CFR 3.114 allows us to grant benefits from the date of the change if a claim is received within one year of that date and there is medical evidence that the condition existed at the time of the amendment. There is medical evidence that you had this condition prior to May 8, 2001, however your claim was not received until November 30, 2010. Since your claim was not received within one year of the change, the law only allows us to grant benefits for a period of one year prior to receipt of your claim.

An examination will be scheduled in the near future to evaluate the severity of your service connected Diabetes mellitus type II.

We determined that the following condition was not related to your military service, so service connection couldn't be granted:

Medical Description	Denial Reason
Hearing loss, left ear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability. • The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service. • The evidence does not show audiometric findings that meet the criteria for a grant of service connection for defective hearing by VA standards.
<i>Explanation</i>	
Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. Please see the enclosure for a greater explanation.	

Your overall or combined rating is 20%. We do not add the individual percentages of each condition to determine your combined rating. We use a combined rating table that considers the effect from the most serious to the least serious conditions.

We have deferred a decision on the following issue because we need a VA examination:

- Allergic rhinitis (now claimed as sinusitis)

We have requested a medical examination. You will be notified of the date, time, and place to report.