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Dr. Bruce M. Alberts, President
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Washington, D.C. 20418

RE: DEFOLIANTS RED, RED/WHITE, AND THE USE OF GREEN AFTER 1965.

Dear Dr. Alberts:

As you are aware, in the 1993 report, Veterans and Agent Orange, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences did "review and evaluate the available scientific evidence regarding associations between diseases and exposure to dioxin and other chemical compounds in herbicides used in Vietnam during the Vietnam era".

Previous to release of the enclosed declassified documents, the only color-coded defoliants (herbicides) known to be used, according to the public record were: (See A & B below.)

Purple	1962-1964	Orange	1965-1971
Pink	"	White	"
Green	"	Blue	"

The documents declassified on 11/21/91 and reproduced at the National Archives show the following defoliants were requested:

Number of 55 gallon drums	Type of defoliant	Date requested to: (a) implement defoliation projects (b) satisfy defoliant needs
50	Green band type	24 February 1968
800	Green band cases	13 March 1968
4900	Red & white cases	18 March 1968
600	Green band	29 May 1968
1000	Green band	20 June 1968
200	Defoliant (green band)	3 July 1968
1000	Green band	25 July 1968

Number of 55 gallon drums	Type of defoliant	Date requested to: (a) implement defoliation projects (b) satisfy defoliant needs
800 220	Defoliants-red band Defoliant green band	13 September 1968
1500	Green band (defoliant)	15 September 1968
2114 220	Defoliants, red band Defoliants, green band	17 September 1968
2000 1000	Defoliant, red band Green band	21 September 1968
7997	Red and white	10 October 1968
200	Red band defoliants	16 October 1968

According to the document dated 16 October 1968, (all) these requests for defoliants were approved by Lt. Col. NGUYEN QUY TOAN, Director of the Combat Development Experimentation Center/JGS. This combat experimentation involved the use of herbicides previously never mentioned and/or involved the use of Agent Green years after its use was reportedly discontinued.

These documents raise many interesting questions, not the least of which are:

- (1). What is defoliant red?
- (2). What is defoliant red and white?
- (3). Why was defoliant green used again without public knowledge? Is Agent Green, circa 1965, the same as defoliant green, circa 1968?

If true, this would significantly raise the total amount of dioxin that contaminated Vietnam.
- (4). What are the possible associations between diseases and exposure to defoliants red, red/white, and green?
- (5). Are these defoliants (red, red/white, and green) the herbicides mentioned as "unknown" agents in the Herbs and Service Herbs Tapes, circa 1968-69?
- (6). Were these newly discovered defoliants used during other periods of time or is information about other agents yet to be declassified?
- (7). Considering the discovery of these "new" agents, how accurate are OEHL-78-92 (A) and other government documents/studies on the human health effects of herbicides on Vietnam Veterans?

I hope you will insist that the IOM, Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides, make all necessary inquiries to determine the chemical composition and disease associations of exposure to defoliants red, red/white and green (circa 1968-69).

cc: Vice-President Al Gore
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Sincerely,

David F. Carter
Chairman

- (A). Young et al., The toxicology, environmental fate and human risk of herbicide orange and its associated dioxin, USAF Occupational and Environmental Health Laboratory, Brooks AFB, TX, pages I-3, I-9, and Table 2 (Section I).
- (B). Department of Veterans Affairs, Agent Orange Review, April 1992, page 5.