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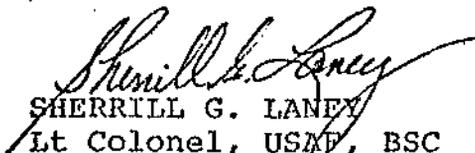
MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL REIMER, SAF/LLL

SUBJECT: Congressional Testimony, Status of Air Force Ranch Hand Study

Concur. However, the statement on page 2, line 9, regarding 6 epidemiological investigations should be verified.

I concur with the approach taken and the level of detail presented. I do feel, however, that the witnesses should be prepared to answer some obvious questions:

- When will the active phase, i.e., first contact of participants, begin?
- Where will the physical examinations be conducted? Will they be conducted at a central location or at multiple locations?
- Will expenses of the participants (travel, lodging, loss of wages, etc.) be defrayed by the Air Force?
- Will initial results be made available to the public?
- What is meant by "selected evaluation" of individuals placed in the "separate category"?
- What is the total estimated cost of the study? How many man-years of effort?
- Can the study be completed in less than 6 years? Is it possible that after 6 years the study will have to be extended to obtain valid results?
- Can "exposure" of Ranch Hand personnel be quantified and/or compared to the ground combat soldier?

  
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