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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

August 9, 2011

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/
Privacy Act (PA) Office
FOIA Case F06-11

Mr. Vancil Sanderson
6330 Leon Dr.
Sun Valley, NV 89433

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

This letter is a final response to your FOIA request, F06-11, received on February 24, 2011. In your FOIA, you requested:

"All documents pertaining to the shipping, storage and destruction of Agent Purple and all rainbow herbicides from Guam." Also, a more complete description of the records you requested is:

"I've sent 2 attachments of documents. The first is from Phillip Grone of the DoD about the 5000 barrels of Agent Purple that was stored on Guam. Next is from the Alvin Young collection (contracted by the government) about the 5000 barrels. If you go to pages 8, 11, and 15, it's said by Mr. Young that the barrels of Agent Purple stored on Guam for use in Korea weren't used and were sent to Camp Detrick after the Korean War, which was from 1950 thru 1953. The agent purple would have been sent back after that, when, I don't exactly know, but probably between probably 1953 and 1975. At some point, it may have been sent to Eglin from Camp or Fort Detrick. Agent Purple is one of the rainbow herbicides."

After a comprehensive search, we have been unable to locate any records responsive to your request. The search was conducted by FOIA personnel and staff at the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG), Fort Detrick, as well as at U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID). The search included the following:

- A hand search of the USAMRIID archives at USAMRMC headquarters. This search was conducted in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who have previously conducted a hand search and inventory of all records within this archive.
- A hand search of archived records under the custody of the Director of the USAMRIID Office of Human Use and Integrity for any records relating to tactical herbicide exposure to humans or the environment.
- A hand search by the USAG records custodian of Records of Transmittal and Receipt, which denote the historical transfer of records maintained within the USAG.

- A digital search through the entire USAMRIID accident database as well as a physical search through archived files and records at the USAMRIID Safety Division employing search terms identified by reviewing your FOIA request.
- Consultation with the USAMRIID librarian for a review of library archived records.

These search efforts comprised a search through all locations where responsive records might reasonably be held and contact with all personnel who might reasonably have custody of responsive records. Unfortunately, despite the review of thousands of physical and digital records, we were unable to locate any responsive to your request.

Although we were unable to locate records responsive to your request, our search did reveal that other Federal agencies have collected information on tactical herbicides once stored at Fort Detrick. There is not sufficient information for us to refer your FOIA agencies directly to these agencies, but we can suggest that you contact them to assist in your research.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Plant Disease Laboratory, at one time tested tactical herbicides in a program operated at Fort Detrick. I recommend you contact the USDA and, or, submit a FOIA request to their agency. The point of contact for the USDA FOIA officer is: Ravoyne Payton, Room 408W - Whitten Bldg., Washington DC 20250; Tel. 202-720-8755; Fax 202-690-0068; Email: Ravoyne.Payton@ocio.usda.gov and USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov. Further USDA FOIA information can be found on their website: <http://www.dm.usda.gov/foia.htm>.

Additionally, tactical herbicide records from Army programs once operated at Fort Detrick were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) around approximately 1969. The NARA maintains records for the public, and I recommend you contact them as a next phase of your research. The point of contact for NARA is: foia@nara.gov. Further NARA FOIA information can be found on their website: <http://www.archives.gov/foia/>.

Furthermore, all information regarding the past disposal of waste at Fort Detrick can be found in the Fort Detrick Installation Restoration Administrative Record located in the Maryland Room of the Frederick County Public Library. Summaries for each of the sites referenced are found in the appropriate final Remedial Investigation Report document.

I sincerely apologize for the delay in providing this response. As mentioned in previous update letters, this search has involved the review of a significant number of records, many of which are not digitized because of their age. Additionally, the Department of the Army has been engaged in a department-wide endeavor to catalogue and determine the proper releasability of records related to Agent Orange and other tactical herbicides. Our effort to respond to your request has been closely linked with those larger efforts; we have been limited in our ability to respond by the demands of coordinated action across multiple Army components. This is all not to serve as an excuse for our delay, but merely to inform you of our diligent efforts to search through a considerable amount and array of material.

Because this constitutes a "no records found" denial of your request, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination to the Secretary of the Army. If you decide to appeal at this time, your appeal must be submitted within 60 days of the date of this

letter. In your appeal, you must state the basis for your disagreement with the denial and the justification for the release of information associated with your request for this command. Your appeal should be addressed to the address below for forwarding, as appropriate, to the Office of the Secretary of the Army:

U.S. Army Medical Command
Attention: Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Office (MCPA)
2040 Stanley Road
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

There were no fees associated with this FOIA request.

You may reach the FOIA Liaison Officer, Ms. Jill Piercy, at 301-619-8095.

Sincerely,

//Signed//
JILL L. PIERCY
Freedom of Information Act/
Privacy Act Liaison Officer