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1. HAS NOT CARRIED OUT ANY DEFOLIATION SPRAY OPERATION

IN CAMBODIA.

2. ASIDE FROM A ONE SHOT USE OF PORTER XW-PCB IN LAOS THE

ONLY SPRAY EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT IN FLEET IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

WAS A BEECH TEN TWO N5454V WHICH WAS ON ARPA CONTRACT AF 62(531)-

1757 CONFIGURED IN SEPTEMBER 1963 AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY

IN THAILAND. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS DROPPED FROM THE ARPA CONTRACT

AF 62(531)-69-C-005 IN DECEMBER OF 1968 BUT HAD LONG SINCE

CEASED THE SPRAY EVALUATION OPERATION. ("ORANGE", "PURPLE"

AND OTHER CHEMICALS WERE EVALUATED)

3. AREAS OF SPRAY OPERATION IN THAILAND WERE NOT EVEN

REMOVED CLOSE TO CAMBODIA. OBVIOUSLY THE REFERENCES DO NOT APPLY

TO ANY SPRAY OPERATION.

4. WE WOULD WONDER THAT AIR AMERICA WOULD BE POINTED AT IN

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VIEW OF THE WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO USAF DEFOLIANT SPRAY OPERATIONS WITH C123'S, INCLUDING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING C123'S FLYING IN FORMATION AND THEIR DEFOLIANT SPRAY PATTERNS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWS MEDIA. SO FAR AS WE CAN RECALL THESE OPERATIONS WERE SAID TO BE IN VIETNAM. GP-1.

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MR. LADD INFORMS US THAT HE SPOKE WITH MR. PFEIFFER SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND FOUND HIM TO BE ACADEMICALLY ORIENTED DOVE. HIS CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH SENATOR CHURCH APPEARS TO BE ENTIRELY BY CORRESPONDENCE. MR. LADD HAD DISTINCT FEELING THAT MR. PFEIFFER WORKING ENTIRELY IN THE DARK AND WAS NOT WELL-INFORMED ON ANY ASPECT OF THE CASE. GP-1

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