

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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FROM:

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Liaison Division/Office of Legislative Counsel 6D15 Hqs.

EXTENSION

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NO.

OLC 81-1411/1

DATE

24 June 1981

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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25 June 1981 2 July 1981

[Handwritten initials]

The attached correspondence from Rep. Bill Chappell to the DCI has been forwarded to OLC for response. It would be greatly appreciated if you would review this package and provide me with pertinent information in order that a timely reply can be prepared.

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[Handwritten initials]

Thank you.

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Att

6. Liaison Division/OLC
7D15 Hqs.

Attached is the draft of a proposed reply to Rep. Chappell. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

[Redacted]

Acting Director of Medical Services
Ext. [Redacted]

Atts

The Honorable William V. Chappell, Jr.
523 N. Halifax
Daytona Beach, Florida 32018

Re: C.I.A. - Exposure to Agent Orange - [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Chappell:

According to C.I.A. records [REDACTED] wrote a letter of inquiry to the Director dated 3 September 1980. On 26 September 1980, the Director of Personnel Policy, Planning, and Management sent an interim reply. Apparently [REDACTED] called the Public Affairs Office on 29 September 1980 and was advised that the interim letter was on the way. On 2 November 1980 he sent another letter to the Director of Personnel Policy, Planning, and Management stating that he had received no further communication. [REDACTED] again spoke with the Public Affairs Office on 18 November 1980 and was advised he would be called on 19 November 1980. On that date, the Acting Director of Medical Services, [REDACTED] advised him by phone that the Agency was trying to ascertain if he had been exposed and discussed the status of the U.S. Government effort regarding Agent Orange. The Agency had been monitoring developments in the Agent Orange controversy since the formation of the Health and Human Services Task Force in December 1979.

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It was ascertained from the Office of Research and Engineering, Secretary of Defense, that Agent Orange was not used in Laos until December 1965, which was well after [REDACTED] He was so advised on 22 December 1980 in a letter from the Director of Personnel Policy, Planning, and Management. In early

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STAT December [] had again called and had been informed that he had not been exposed to Agent Orange.

On 26 June 1981 the Office of Medical Services reconfirmed December 1965 as the date of initial use of Agent Orange in Laos with the Office of Research and Engineering, Secretary of Defense.

It should be noted that Agent Orange has yet to be conclusively implicated as a cause of any medical problem other than a severe skin condition under circumstances of heavy exposure. There is an unconfirmed association with lymphoma and soft tissue sarcoma which are both cancers. No case yet has been made for an association of Agent Orange with the medical condition reported [] STAT

As requested, the correspondence enclosed with your June 18, 1981, letter is being returned. Also enclosed are copies of the two responses sent by this agency to [] in September STAT and December 1980.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosures