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**President Donald Trump**  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500-0004

**Dear President Trump,**

**I am the current president of the Airborne Battlefield Command & Control Center (ABCCC) Association.**

**The ABCCC was an EC-130E airborne command post that conducted the secret war on the ground and in the air over Laos during the Vietnam War.**

**Our squadron, the 7th Airborne Command & Control Squadron (7 ACCS), was stationed first in Vietnam and then in Thailand during the entire course of the Vietnam War.**

**During our stay in Thailand, 7th ACCS ground support and aircrew personnel were first stationed at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB) and then at Korat RTAFB.**

**For the past twelve years, the ABCCC Association has been deeply committed to proving that Agent Orange and other herbicides were used ubiquitously on all Thailand United States Air Force (USAF) military bases during the Vietnam War.**

**After denying for years that Agent Orange and/or other herbicides were ever used in Thailand, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Health and Environmental Hazards, published a February 15, 2011 advisory entitled: Agent Orange: Thailand Military Bases.**

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The advisory states the following:

**“Vietnam-era veterans whose service involved duty on or near the perimeters of military bases in Thailand any time between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 may have been exposed to herbicides and may qualify for VA benefits.”**

Enclosed with this letter is definitive proof that Agent Orange was used throughout Udorn RTAFB, Thailand from approximately September 1971 to September 1972.

Since the enclosed proof of ubiquitous use of Agent Orange at Udorn RTAFB is a Veterans Affairs (VA) document dated October 27, 2011, the VA has known since October 2011 that Agent Orange was used throughout Udorn RTAFB from 1971 to 1972—and not just along the base perimeter as the VA claims in all its official documents.

As a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, I know very well that a young airman assigned to the Base Roads and Grounds Section does not make Air Force policy. The orders to spray Agent Orange throughout Udorn RTAFB had to come from an officer and that officer had to be following orders from his superiors. In other words, there was a verbal or written order from higher headquarters authorizing the spraying of Agent Orange throughout Udorn RTAFB.

Furthermore, if Agent Orange was sprayed all over Udorn RTAFB from 1971 to 1972, it is logical to assume that Agent Orange was sprayed all over Udorn RTAFB before 1971 and after 1972.

In order to correct a grave injustice perpetrated by the VA on all U.S. veterans who served on Udorn RTAFB during the Vietnam War, I suggest that the Veterans Administration contact the appellant of the enclosed citation and ask him who gave the order to spray Agent Orange throughout Udorn RTAFB from 1971 to 1972 and whether or not Agent Orange was sprayed throughout Udorn RTAFB before he arrived in 1971? If the answer is indeed, “yes,” then the VA needs to change their Agent Orange policy for all veterans who served in Thailand during the Vietnam War and provide all Thailand Vietnam War veterans the same consideration that the VA now provides to all U.S. veterans who served in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

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**Mr. President. I would like the opportunity to discuss this issue with you and the current Director of the Veterans Administration in person at the White House.**

**The enclosed Veteran Affairs document was obtained from the VA Web Site and is a matter of official U.S. Government record.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a yellow rectangular background. The signature reads "Kenneth D. Witkin".

**Command CMSgt Kenneth D. Witkin, USAF (Ret.)  
ABCCC Association President  
Former Air Force 2 Airborne Communications Systems Operator (1982-1985)**

Enclosure

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