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TELECOMMUNICATION TRANSCRIPTION REGARDING CONTAMINATED SOIL, POSSIBLY
CONTAMINATED VEHICLES, AND UNACCOUNTED FOR HERBICIDE NCBC GULFPORT

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INTERESTING

March 1, 1985 1100

Phone call from MSGT Denny, Tyndall AFB

Subj: Agent Orange

1. Lab testing of ²⁰⁰ samples taken from the additional area roped off here at the site were pushed ahead of others and results show samples taken are contaminated with up to 160-parts per billion. These samples were taken from a small 2x3' area along side where vehicles are; no contamination was found in samples taken along curb of that area.
2. Samples have not been validated (samples sent to another lab for cross-check and then spiked samples sent to still another contractor and if each checks out to be the same then it is validated); however, the samples have good high validity.
3. Air Force realizes vehicles previously in that area have been sold. If any reports happen to come in regarding those the Air Force is legally liable and would be handled at AF/SJA/Pentagon level.
4. According to a Mobile history report from the Air Force historian, 245 barrels are unaccounted for from the 1600-1700 that were at the port. The missing ones (174 with Agent Blue; 71 Agent Orange) are believed to have been crushed and taken to the Hurricane Camille dump site and buried. MSGT Denny says they have no idea where that site is. Agent Blue is 30% arsenic.
5. They will keep us informed of further developments.

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Jim Claff. visited 3/1/85

[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, including "some samples taken from the area roped off here" and "20/2000 color card"]