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TELECOMMUNICATION TRANSCRIPTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR HEALTH
HAZARDS RESULTING FROM AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE NCBC GULFPORT MS
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Code 470.2/2571
12 MAR 1985

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport
To: HQ AF/SGES Bowling Air Force Base, Washington, DC 20332
Attn: LtCol Cappel

Subj: HERBICIDE ORANGE CONTAMINATION AT NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER,
GULFPORT

Ref: PHONECON HQ AF/SGES LtCol Cappel/CBC Gulfport (Code 470) J. H. Cluff
of 27 Feb 85

1. As discussed during reference (a) construction of a new warehouse at Naval Construction Battalion Center (CBC) Gulfport will require excavation/reconstruction of a portion of a drainage ditch which is included in the Air Force's Herbicide Orange Monitoring Program. According to HQ AFESC/RDVW Tyndall Air Force Base, the most recent samples taken from the ditch in March 1984 contain 80 parts per trillion (PPT) dioxin.
2. The contractor for the new warehouse project refuses to perform the necessary work in the ditch until he is given assurances that the dioxin levels in the ditch will not adversely affect his workers. The workers will be in the ditch a maximum of eight hours per day for a period of no more than three weeks.
3. Request AF/SGES provide CBC Gulfport with an outline of any health hazards that may exist in the working environment discussed. Also, please recommend any precautions that should be taken by the contractor personnel.
4. The contractor is scheduled to begin construction in the ditch on 01 April 1985. Request this matter be expedited to prevent delaying the contract.

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By direction

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