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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD REGARDING OPEN OCEAN INCINERATION OF
HERBICIDE ORANGE STOCKS NCBC GULFPORT MS

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

9 March 77

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Subj: Open ocean incineration of Herbicide Orange stocks

1. As of 8 March 1977 CSAF issued the following instructions to AFLC relative to open ocean incineration of herbicide orange stocks located at Gulfport and Johnston Island:

a. Disengage all contract negotiations with Agent Chemical Company at the earliest possible date.

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b. Negotiate with owners of the incineration ship Vulcanus for earliest date for docking at Gulfport (target date of 15 April 1977) to take on herbicide stocks located at Gulfport.

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c. Update/revise existing Program Plan (to include funding requirements) for open ocean incineration.

d. Conclude actions with EPA for an open ocean incineration permit.

2. AFLC herbicide project officer is not optimistic in regard to the 15 April 77 date for The Vulcanus to dock at Gulfport with presumed wet loading of Gulfport's herbicide stocks immediately thereafter. His pessimism is based on time required:

a. To obtain EPA permit.

b. To disengage from ACI.

c. To negotiate a contract (MSC action) with owners of The Vulcanus.

3. Allied actions underway or to be taken in regard to this project are:

a. Coordination with Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Board. (USAF action)

b. Coordination with State Port Authority, Gulfport. (USAF and MSC action)

c. Public Information briefings at Gulfport for interested local officials and other individuals. (USAF & CBC-G action)

d. Enclose existing herbicide processing plant. (CBC-G action on reimbursable basis)

e. Berthing & messing approximately 110 USAF personnel for a period of 3 to 4 weeks (coordinating actions by CBC Code 12.1 with Codes 400 and 520).

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