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December 19, 2011

Mr. John J. Bury 508 S. Old Middleton Road Media, Pennsylvania 19063

Dear Mr. Bury:

This responds to your request concerning your Agent Orange exposure claim.

Our mission is to research official military unit records in support of Department of Veterans Affairs claims for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Agent Orange exposure. Because we are not a records repository, we do not maintain command histories, deck logs or provide copies of records.

To date, this office has been unable to locate documentation, which verifies that U.S. Navy ships transported, stored or used tactical herbicides, including Agent Orange, in the Republic of Vietnam. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), then named the Defense Supply Agency (DSA), acquired all tactical herbicides (Agent Orange) and arranged for transportation (primarily by rail) of the drums from the chemical companies manufacturing the herbicides to the port of embarkation. Civilian merchant ships then transported the herbicides to the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand.

Lastly, our office is not involved in the adjudication of Agent Orange disability claims. We suggest that you contact your local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office to obtain instructions concerning your Agent Orange claim.

I trust we have been of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Domenic A. Baldim

Chief