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AIR FORCE HEALTH STUDY

- ° WHITE HOUSE DIRECTED
- ° STUDY DESIGN EXTENSIVELY PEER REVIEWED
- ° UNIQUE STUDY POPULATION
- ° STUDY DESIGN
 - MORTALITY
 - MORBIDITY: QUESTIONNAIRES, PHYSICAL EXAMS
(KEYED TO KNOWN AND REPORTED EFFECTS)
 - FOLLOW-UP

STUDY RESULTS

- No Soft Tissue Sarcoma (STS), Porphyria Cutanea Tarda (PCT), or Chloracne Diagnosed in RANCH HANDERS

FERTILITY/REPRODUCTIVE

- ° NO SIGNIFICANT RANCH HAND OR OFFSPRING FINDINGS IN:
 - SPERM COUNT, OR DEFECTIVE SPERM
 - FIVE FERTILITY/INFERTILITY MEASURES
 - MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, LIVE BIRTH
 - SEVERE BIRTH DEFECTS
 - MODERATE BIRTH DEFECTS

NEONATAL DEATHS

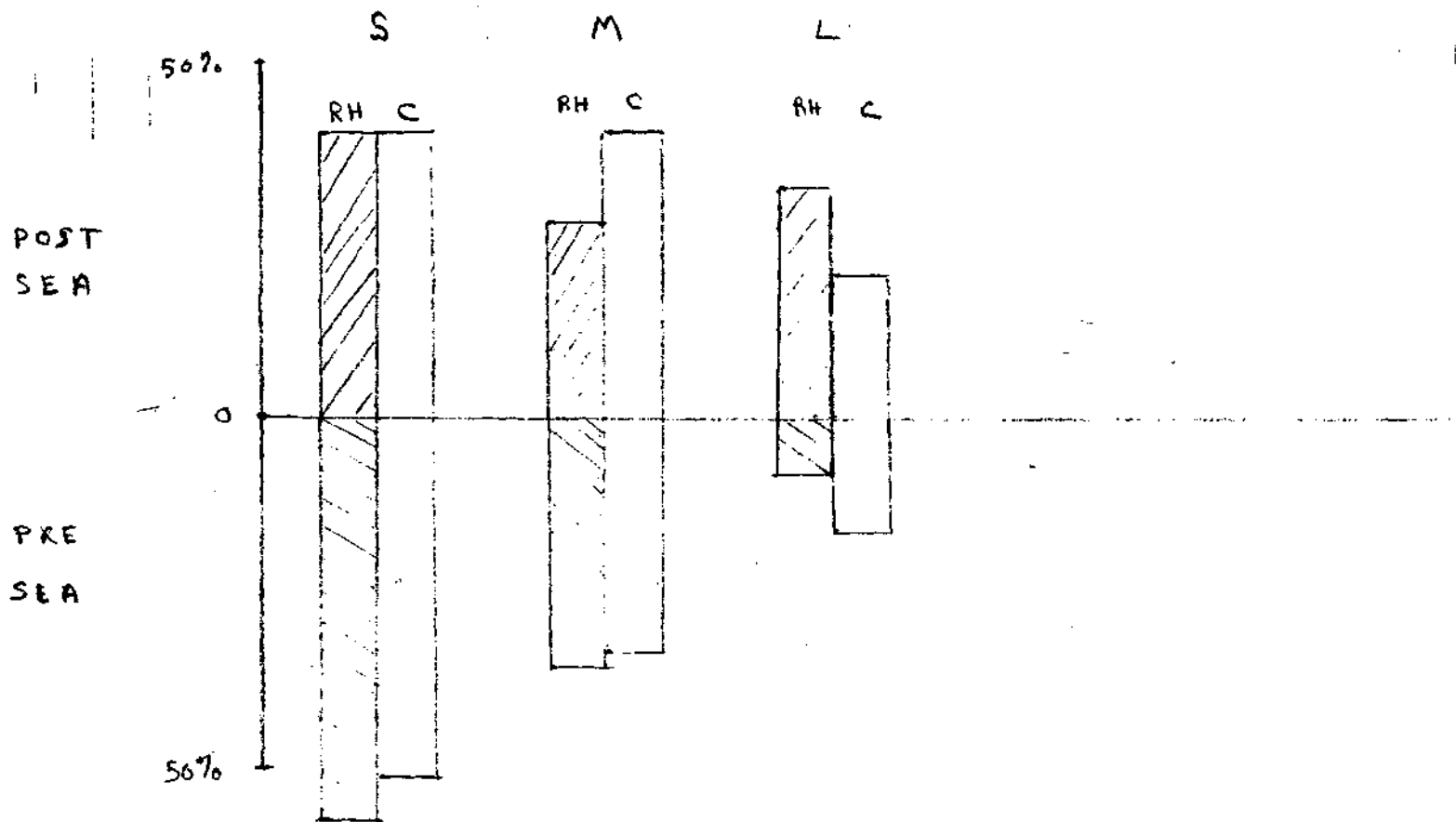
(UNVERIFIED SELF REPORTS; MEDICAL RECORDS, DEATH CERTIFICATES PENDING)

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	RANCH HAND	COMPARISON
BEFORE RVN	13.4	16.0
AFTER RVN	16.8	3.4

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PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTED BIRTH DEFECTS BY SEVERITY AND TIME



CANCER

- No Difference In The Occurrence Of "Systemic" Cancer
- No Soft Tissue Sarcoma Found In RANCH HANDERS
- More Verified Skin Cancer In RANCH HAND Group
 - Not Adjusted For Sun Exposure

- Nature of the Cancer
- Mortality
- Frequency at altitude

LIVER

- ° RANCH HANDERS Self Reported More Liver And PCT-like Symptoms
 - Not Verified As Yet By Medical Records
 - Not Confirmed At Physical Exam (No PCT)
 - Not Substantiated By Lab Tests
- ° Several Minor Lab Test Differences, But Most Tests Were Similar Between Groups
- ° More Verified Miscellaneous Disorders In RANCH HANDERS; Significance Unknown

OTHER OBSERVATIONS

- ° POORER SELF PERCEPTION OF HEALTH IN RANCH HANDERS
- ° TWO LEG PULSES DIMINISHED IN RANCH HANDERS; SIGNIFICANCE UNCLEAR
- ° NERVOUS, KIDNEY, IMMUNE AND BLOOD SYSTEMS WERE ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE
- ° NO MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EXPOSURE AND STUDY FINDINGS
- ° EFFECTS OF CLASSICAL RISK FACTORS (AGE, SMOKING, ALCOHOL, EDUCATION, ETC.) OBSERVED THROUGHOUT STUDY

CONCLUSIONS

- ° STUDY MEASURED TRUE HEALTH STATUS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE
- ° ALL IMPORTANT FINDINGS ARE BEING FOLLOWED UP
- ° INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HERBICIDE CAUSALITY
- ° FINDINGS TO DATE SHOULD BE REASSURING TO RANCH HANDERS
 - NO CHLORACNE MEANS LOW EXPOSURE VERSUS CHEMICAL WORKER POPULATIONS
 - NO MAJOR CLINICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
 - OVERALL GOOD GENERAL HEALTH FOR AGE

STUDY COMPLEXITIES

- Enormous Data Base (4 million items)
- Validity of Self Reporting in Absence
of Complete Medical Record Verification
- Effects of Multiple Risk Factors
(age, smoking, etc.)
- Potential Biases
- Study Schedule

INTERPRETIVE COMPLEXITIES

- Statistical Associations Do Not Mean Causation
- No Analogous Human Studies
- Many Statistically Significant RANCH HAND-Comparison
Group Differences Are Not Of Clinical Relevance
- Exposure Index Analyses Are Unrefined
- Positive And Negative Findings Require Follow-up

CATEGORIZED BIRTH DEFECTS BEFORE AND AFTER VIETNAM

Before Vietnam

<u>Birth Defect</u>	<u>RANCH HAND</u>		<u>All Comparisons</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Severe	51	56.5	62	51
Moderate	32	35.5	40	33
Limited	7	8	20	16

After Vietnam

Severe	32	40	34	40
Moderate	22	27.5	34	40
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Limited	26	32.5	18	20

VERIFIED SKIN AND SYSTEMIC CANCER

	<u>RANCH HAND</u>	<u>Original Comparisons</u>	<u>All Comparisons</u>
	Number (%)	Number (%)	Number (%)
<u>Skin Cancer</u>	35 (3.3)	11 (1.4)	25 (2.1)
 <u>Systemic Site</u>			
Lip, Mouth, Throat	4	2	2
Digestive System	0	4	5
Respiratory	3	1	2
Genitourinary	6	2	3
Blood, Lymph	0	0	1
Other	1	1	1
Total	14 (1.3)	10 (1.3)	14 (1.2)