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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: EKO

SUBJECT: Attached Request for Information on "Agent Blue"

TO: Major Alvin Young
520 Magnolia
Maxwell AFB AL 36113

1. The attached request for information is forwarded. Please reply directly to AF/CVA11 with an information copy of response to this office.
2. Thanks.


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30 March 1981

REPLY TO
ATTN OF SGES

SUBJECT Request for Information on "Agent Blue"

TO USAFSAM/EKO
Brooks AFB, Texas 78235

The attached request for information on "Agent Blue" is forwarded to you for appropriate action. Please reply directly to AF/CVAII.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David A. Hadden", is written over the typed name.

DAVID A. HADDEN, Major, USAF, BSC
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Copy to: AF/CVAII, w/o atch

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

In Reply Quote 7601/27/401

Office of the Air Attache
Embassy of Australia
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

Date 3 March 1981

International Affairs Division,
Office of the Vice Chief of Staff,
Department of the Air Force,
Room 4A-916,
The Pentagon,
Washington, D.C. 20330.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY INFORMATION

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>REMARKS AND CLASSIFICATION</u>
ARSENIC CONTAMINATION OF "AGENT BLUE"	INFORMATION REGARDING NATURE AND CONCENTRATION OF CONTAMINANTS, PARTICULARLY INORGANIC ARSENIC COMPOUNDS IN "AGENT BLUE"	See below:

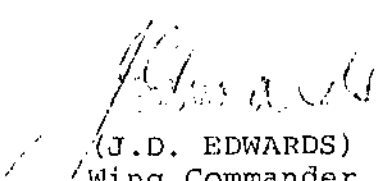
REASON FOR REQUEST Vietnam veterans claim to suffer ill effects as a result of exposure to Agent Blue in Vietnam. Agent Blue was a mixture of cacodylic acid and sodium cacodylate and reportedly was contaminated with trace amounts of inorganic arsenic. Interpretation of the veterans allegations requires further knowledge of the degree of contamination of Agent Blue. If data unavailable, do samples of Agent Blue still exist which could permit retrospective chemical analysis.

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Suggested contact is:

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(J.D. EDWARDS)
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Acting Air Attache