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National Toxicology Program

Memorandum

Date November 25, 1983

From Carl Keller, Chair Pro Tem, Science Panel, Agent Orange Working Group *CK*

Subject Science Panel Meeting

To Members of the Science Panel, ADWG

There will be a meeting of the Science Panel on December 5, 1983, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, in Room 405A, Hubert Humphrey Building.

We will finalize plans for review of the international studies of the association between soft tissue sarcoma and dioxin-contaminated products requested by Senator Cranston. I am also enclosing the Minutes of the November 2 meeting for your approval.

Attachments.

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Special Projects Staff (1020)

**Memorandum**

Date November 21, 1983

From Carl Keller, Chair Pro Tem, Science Panel, Agent Orange Working Group *CK*

Subject Minutes of November 2, 1983 Meeting

To Members of the Science Panel, AOWG

The Science Panel met at 9:30 a.m., in Room 303-305A of the Hubert Humphrey Building on November 2, 1983. A list of attendees is appended to these Minutes. Several informational handouts were distributed including a copy of the Background document and Dioxin Strategy drafts prepared by EPA on August 15, and comments from the Veterans Administration on these documents. Several announcements were made including the postponement of the release of results from the Ranch Hand Morbidity Study and the cancellation of the Advisory Committee meeting to review these results. Other items discussed followed the previously prepared agenda.

Members unanimously accepted the report on the Australian Birth Defects Study prepared by Dr. Mulinare's subcommittee and offered several suggestions for clarification. These included a distinction between confounding, which must be designed out of a study, and effect modification which can be analyzed out; a more forceful statement that the Australian Study was intended to be a Vietnam Experience Study; and some explanation of the significance of underascertainment of Birth Defects which may have occurred. Other comments of an editorial nature should be submitted to the Chair as soon as possible so that a re-draft can be prepared.

The letters from Senator Cranston and Dick Christian to Dr. Erickson concerning the CDC protocols were briefly discussed and it was noted that CDC is preparing a revised draft of the protocols and will respond to the comments of all reviewers simultaneously in the very near future.

Members of the Science Panel unanimously felt that the proposals for further study of biopsy material obtained by Dr. Arnold Schecter following the Binghamton State office building incident would not provide a significant scientific contribution to issues of concern to the Science Panel. This was based on the likelihood of unmeasurable multiple and continuing exposure to a number of potentially toxic substances endured by the subjects involved which would make a pharmacokinetic study of dioxins unfeasible in this group.

Members of the Science Panel recognized that the request by Senator Cranston to review international studies of the association between soft tissue sarcoma and dioxin-contaminated products is a substantial undertaking. It was agreed that a carefully selected subcommittee be assigned this task and the final effort reviewed by the Panel. Suggested names for this subcommittee should be submitted to the Chair as soon as possible so that we can begin this assignment. A copy of a paper on this subject, prepared by Dr. Larry Hobson in March 1983, is attached to these minutes for your information.

The Science Panel adjourned at noon, November 2, 1983.



Washington, D.C. 20201

AGENT ORANGE WORKING GROUP/SCIENCE PANEL

Meeting -- November 2, 1983 -- 9:30 - 12:30

ATTENDEES

Carl Keller.....	Chair.....	496-3511
William Triplett.....	Acting DUSIGA.....	245-6156
Peter E.M. Beach.....	OVA/DUSIGA.....	245-2210
Lt. Col. Robert Capell.....	Air Force Surgeon General..	767-5078
Renate Kimbrough.....	CDC.....	FTS-236-4102
Joe Mulinare.....	CDC.....	FTS-236-4080
Dick Christian.....	AAOTF.....	653-1828
Doug Clark.....	AAOTF.....	653-1829
Cpt. Rob Lipnick.....	AAOTF.....	653-1829
Ed Weiss.....	OGC/HHS.....	245-1920
Michael Gough.....	OTA.....	226-2070
Hellen Gelband.....	OTA.....	226-2070
Al Young.....	VA/AOPO.....	389-5534
Lawrence B. Hobson.....	VACO/AOPO.....	389-5411
Donald G. Barnes.....	EPA.....	382-2897