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Report on Access to Information Act request A-2007-00474/Team 2-2
Arrived November 5, 2007.

The package I received from the Department of National Defence was a huge disappointment. Let me know if you want anything scanned or expanded upon.
Kelly Porter Franklin

This request was for:

All information on the "Spray application accident" which surrounded CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick Canada, in July 1964. Details requested are; the actual date of this horror; the name(s) of the herbicide(s) used; the amounts used; the contracts issued; those people compensated for damage with monetary amounts by victim; any newspaper articles; all government officials involvement; briefing notes to Ministers; alerts issued to the public; presence in Gagetown of any American military members or aircraft during July 1964; presence of very high-ranking military personnel in area during this time frame.

What I received was 24 pages and a CD.

The highlights from the papers:

The first two pages deal with the ATIA request itself. Note that anybody can request the same package I received from November 8, 2007 on. Don't bother.

The oldest document included is dated May 1 2007. What part of the word 'All' didn't they understand? This appears to be mostly Fact-Finder crap.

Page 3

Three spray drift incidents (SDI) occurred; 1964, 1972 and 1988. The atmospheric condition that they guess caused the 1964 SDI is called a "capping inversion."

Page 4

Record of Proceedings Interdepartmental Committee on the Use of Herbicides at CFB Gagetown, April 20 2007. 24 attendees. DND (7 different depts.), FFOC (the fockers were Ron Murray and Pat Rogers), VAC, Health Canada and Public Health Agency Canada. 6 other Federal Agencies are listed (Privy Council, Justice Canada, Environment Canada, etc) but no attendees are recorded. The gist of this was they talked about Task 3A-1 Tier 3 report that was delivered to the Ministers on April 13. Says they contracted for that report. After looking over the report they agreed to keep its contents secret from the public until its release. Mary Mitchell (HC) asked, "Were all residential areas located more than 800 meters away from areas sprayed?" Maj. Gallant (DND-CFB Gagetown) was asked to confirm this. A 'Secretarial Note' in brackets adds that it can be concluded from Task 2B that most residential areas were located more than 800 meters away. Ted Kuchnicki (HC) asks if any follow up was done where compensation was awarded for crop damage? Another Secretarial Note adds

that Elise Lemoine (DND) has provided information on the 1964, 1972 and 1988 SDI's. Here's my favorite part: "Health Canada and DND, with assistance from Ron Murray, will develop a communications strategy." The next meeting is to be held May 10, 2007.

(The reason page numbers are being skipped is because they are blank, are the same bullshit but in French or have no interest.)

Pages 8-10

This is a copy of an email from VAC to DND regarding maps of the three spray drift incidents. Within the body of the email, on page 9, is the distribution list of the original email. It was sent or CC'd to 66 different email addresses with the people's names, four of which have been whited out. Lots of military at DND, HC, Library and Archives Canada, VAC and most of them are in Ottawa. The text describes the areas affected by the three SDI's. Says the spray traveled 6 km in 1964, 2 km in 1972 and no distance is given for 1988 (because the spray drift didn't cross the base boundary?) Further on, on page 10, are references to attachments that were not included with my package. Other records of the meetings of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Use of Herbicides at CFB Galetown on March 22 and April 13 2007 were also omitted from my package.

Pages 11-12

Really, really crappy photocopies of Galetown maps – Ken Y will want to see these anyways.

Page 13

Table named Spray Incidents with three entries. Nothing here we didn't already know about 1964. 1972 was small with only \$1,000 being paid out. In 1988 they paid out \$358,000 for 65 claims to homeowners and market crops for a, get this, "unavoidable, freak accident caused by vapor drift (vs. spray drift) where fine particles of the herbicide are given off the treated area after the application has taken place." The lighter side of this is that not only do they have no idea how large the affected area was, they don't know the brand name of the herbicide(s). Dickheads.

Pages 14-19

Email exchange between Ted Kuchnicki of Health Canada to LCol Perras of DND in Ottawa, re Spray Incidents. Many, many CC's again. Much of this was described already on pages 8-10. The gist is that DND want HC to confirm the REMSpC report that herbicides can only travel a maximum of 800 meters. LCol Claude Perras of DND asks, "This fancy report says 800 meters but dem herbicides killed plants 6km away. What's with that?" (I paraphrased a bit there) Ted replies for a whole page of the runniest bullshit you ever saw. Herbicides will certainly not harm humans, he says.

Page 20

May 1 2007 Email exchange between Ted Kuchnicki of Health Canada to LCol Perras of DND in Ottawa, re Spray Incidents. Claude says there was an 'on-base' incident in 2002 where a truck was sprayed. The Tedster replies that page iii of Task 2A states there were 11 recorded incidents, of which 3 resulted in off site damage. Ted tells Claude to change the wording from, "The four incidents of off-base spray drift..." to "The three incidents of off-base spray drift..."

Pages 21-22

Two pages straight from the Fact-Finder's webpage of Q & A, I think. One page says four incidents and the other, dated May 1 2007, says three. At the bottom is a notation:

(Responsive only): It is important to point out that the incidents took place during CFB Gagetown's annual spray program and not during the military testing of 1966-1967.

The CD

This looks like the same database that the Fact-Finders sent me but it's all chopped up into different sheets so I can't say for certain that it's identical. It has a more recent date than my copy.