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To the Veterans Administration.

This is in regards to my knowledge about:

**Leroy G Foster, MSgt, USAF, Retired**

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My name is Ralph A. Stanton. I was stationed at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam in 1969 and 1970. I was assigned to the 43<sup>rd</sup> CES Fuels Maintenance section. I performed maintenance on the fuel storage and delivery systems including tank farms, cross island pipe line, pump houses, hydrant pits, and filtering systems. That is where I met Le Roy G. Foster. He was in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Supply Squadron, Fuels Division. Their job was to operate the facilities that I worked on. These facilities were spread all around the island and our duties varied, so I didn't see Sgt. Foster every day but our paths crossed often.

One of the duties Sgt. Foster performed was vegetation control. The climate on Guam is a tropical jungle, so he sprayed often. The spray made me sick at my stomach, so I hated to see him coming our way. My words are still stuck in my mind after all this time "Here Comes That Little Bastard Spraying Again". Sgt. Foster probably weighed 125 lbs. soaking wet back then. When we could, we would move to another location but often we would be working on a high priority job that we had to finish so we couldn't leave.


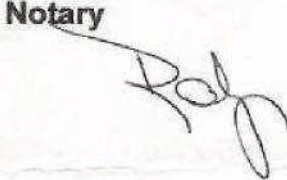

Sgt. Foster used a 5 ton truck to pull the spray rig. It was a yellow 750 gallon tank on a trailer with a gas powered pump and it had a long hose with a wand to do the spraying. Sometimes he would have a driver helping him and sometimes he would be by himself. When he was alone he would spray as far as the hose would let him then he would get in and move the truck up, then start spraying again. I felt sorry for him because it was so hot and humid and he had to breathe that spray. He had on rubber boots up to his knees, rubber gloves up to his elbows, a rubber apron down to his ankles, a clear face shield and no breathing protection.

He and I were diagnosed with very low sperm count and we both have developed severe health problems, heart disease, high blood pressure, chloracne, hypertension, thyroid problems, memory loss, severe arthritis spondiolysis and spinal stenosis, etc. We both lived in the Marbo Annex Barracks area, Sgt. Foster in the Supply Barracks and me in the CES Barracks across from each other. This area has been identified by EPA and the Government of Guam with extremely high dioxin levels. Sgt. Foster also sprayed there too, as the Fuels Package Oil warehouse was near there in Yigo and Dededo.



Here is a picture of the cross island pipeline booster station. As you can see there is NO vegetation. Sgt. Foster did a good job.

I testify that this is accurate and factual. Signed:

  
Ralph A. Stanton  
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If you have any questions you can reach me any time.

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