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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, AGENT ORANGE WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE SUBPANEL ON  
EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

SUBJECT: Assessment of Perimeter Applications

This report responds to your request at the 10 April 1986 meeting and addresses the points raised in the OSTP memo of 11 April 1986.

- Military Assistance Command Vietnam Regulation 525-1 at Tab A outlines the precise channels for approval of herbicide applications. MACV had the responsibility for planning, monitoring and spraying herbicides in South Vietnam. The regulation prescribed the reports to be maintained.

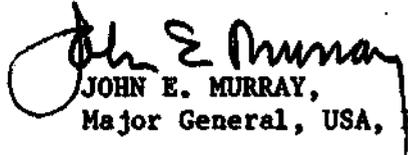
- Tab B is a document from the 25th Infantry Division Chemical Section collection which reflects perimeter sprays, sprays along lines of communication, river banks, crop destruction missions and the use of chemicals other than Agent Orange. Also included in this report is the type of defoliation mission.

- Tab C summarizes the information contained in the Ranch Hand and Services Herbs Tapes on Agent Orange perimeter sprays only.

- Tab D is a diagram of a Main Base Camp. Positions of the bunkers, chain link fence, barbed wire, and clear zones ranging from 200 to 300 yards show the areas requiring defoliation to maintain fields of fire. As noted, unit locations and hootches that house troops when not in the field are also shown at locations ranging from areas close to the inside perimeter to the center of mass. Some base camps have chain link fences covering 26 miles. The sizes of main base camps vary with the terrain and mission. Fire Support Bases, while much smaller would vary depending on the terrain and mission, protected essentially the same as Main Base Camps.

- Tab E is a listing of Main Base Camps, Fire Support Bases, Landing Zones and village names with a grid coordinate location that was extracted from records of the 9th Infantry Division which operated throughout III Corps in Vietnam.

- Tab F is a listing of Main Base Camps, Fire Support Bases, Landing Zones and village names with a grid coordinate location that was extracted from records of the 4th Infantry Division which operated throughout II Corps in Vietnam.

  
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**Enclosures**

- Tab A - MACV Regulation 525-1
- Tab B - 25th Infantry Division Chemical Section Herbicide Report
- Tab C - Agent Orange Perimeter Spray Chart
- Tab D - Diagram of a Main Base Camp
- Tab E - 9th Infantry Division listing of Base Camps
- Tab F - 4th Infantry Division listing of Base Camps