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To Director, Agent Orange Projects Office (AOPO),
Barclay Shepard, from GAO Evaluator -in-Charge,
HRD, Judy Shelly, regarding Scope and Methodology
for Reviewing VA's Agent Orange Examination
Program; dated December 19 ,1983

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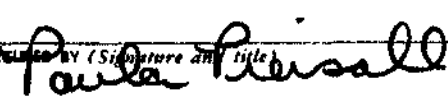
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BRIEF STATEMENT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED AND GIVEN <p>On December 19, 1983, Judy Shelley, GAO Evaluator-In-Charge, HRD, sent us a memorandum entitled "Scope and Methodology for Reviewing VA's Agent Orange Examination Program." A copy of this memorandum is attached to this Report of Contact.</p> <p>cc: 10 101 10A6A 10A 10B 10BA 101E 101B11 02 02C 10A7A 10A7B</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  SEP 20 1983 Special Projects Unit (10A7) </p>		
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Memorandum

TO : Director, Agent Orange Projects Office - Dr. Barclay Shepard

FROM : GAO Evaluator-In-Charge, HRD - Judy Shelly ^{ASJ} 10/14/83

SUBJECT: Scope and Methodology for Reviewing VA's Agent Orange Examination Program

For the next several months GAO will be gathering preliminary information on various aspects of VA's agent orange examination program. We will concentrate our efforts on the following issues:

- (1) Reliability, usefulness, and currency of the old and new registries, including statistics published by Dr. Al Young.
- (2) Treatment provided to veterans alleging exposure to agent orange, as provided by P.L. 97-72 (not quality of treatment).
- (3) Timeliness of examinations.
- (4) Counseling provided to veterans.
- (5) Submission of tissue samples to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

This work will be conducted at VA's Central Office and the Washington, D.C. Medical Center. We will determine what information is maintained and what methodology could be used to perform more detailed audit work. We will review medical record files at the Washington, D.C. Medical Center to help us make this determination.

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