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The Honorable Lane Evans  
Ranking Democratic Member  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6335

Dear Mr. Evans

This is in response to your letter of July 12, 2004, to the Secretary of Defense regarding the storage of Agent Orange and similar herbicides at Okinawa.

Your request for information was forwarded to the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA). The AFHRA was unable to find any documentation referring to Agent Orange, herbicide, defoliant or dioxin in conjunction with Okinawa. However, they did find one document that referred to Operation Red Hat's movement of mustard and nerve agents from Okinawa to Johnston Island for destruction. We have provided an abstract of that document for your information.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and trust the information provided is useful.

Very respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott S. Custer".

SCOTT S. CUSTER  
Major General, USAF  
Director, Legislative Liaison

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