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To Whom It May Concern:

From March 1969 to March 1970, I was on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Ubon Airfield, Thailand, 16<sup>th</sup> Special Ops Squadron, 8<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, flying AC-130 Gunship combat missions.

It was common knowledge throughout the 8<sup>th</sup> Tac Fighter Wing that special operational missions, involving "Agent Orange", were being flown from Ubon Airfield into Vietnam and Laos. While I was not directly involved in the handling or distribution of "Agent Orange", everyone at Ubon Airfield was indirectly exposed to the chemical agents. Those Air Force personnel directly handling the chemical agents or flying the specific spray missions were the most exposed.

I hope this helps the Veterans Administration in determining medical benefits for U.S. Air Force personnel stationed at Ubon Airfield during the period of time that "Agent Orange" was being handled or special missions flown.

I CERTIFY THAT the statements in this letter are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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