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Dear Sir or Madam,

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I request copies of the following:

- All correspondence (including emails and letters) as well as any memos and reports between Jan. 1, 2009 and the date this request is completed to and from Han K. Kang, former director of VA's War Related Illness and Injury Studies Center, regarding Agent Orange and dioxin, and its effects on veterans and/or their offspring.
- All correspondence (including emails and letters) as well as any memos and reports between Jan. 1, 2009 and the date this request is completed to and from Michael Peterson, former Chief Consultant, Post-Deployment Health, Public Health, regarding Agent Orange and dioxin and its effects on veterans and/or their offspring.
- All Congressional correspondence (emails, letters, memos and reports) between Jan. 1, 2009 and the date this request is completed to and from Department of Veterans Affairs staff regarding Agent Orange and dioxin and its effects on veterans and/or their offspring.

As a news media representative, I ask you to please waive any applicable fees. This request is made as part of the news gathering process and not for commercial use.

As you are aware, under the Freedom of Information Act, all government documents are deemed public unless specifically exempted by law. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I reserve the right to appeal.

As I am requesting this information as a journalist and this information is of timely value. Please contact me by telephone, rather than by mail if you have questions regarding this request. My phone number is 757-446-2949. My e-mail is mike.hixenbaugh@pilotonline.com.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires. I ask that you make documents available as they are located and am open to accepting them in stages if they are not available at the same time. In addition, I would like to request that the material be provided electronically.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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