

April 15, 1971

Mr. Kenneth Birkhead
Office of Senator McIntyre
Senate Office Building 342
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

I am writing to ask if you would be willing to ask for certain information from the Department of Defense, namely data to bring up to date information already in the public record concerning CS and herbicides.

I enclose a draft of a possible inquiry that will make clear the information I have in mind.

If there is any problem in your requesting the data just let me know and I will hunt around for a different source.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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Dear _____:

I wonder if you would be so kind as to supply me with the following information:

1. Estimated area coverage, in acres, of herbicide operations in South Vietnam for 1969 and 1970, broken down according to defoliants and anti-crop.
2. Procurement of riot control agent CS, CS-1 and CS-2 for Southeast Asia for fiscal year 1970 and 1971.
3. Yearly usage of riot control agent CS and its various forms for the period 1965 up to and including the most recent year for which data is available.

Regarding items 1 and 2 above, I append corresponding data for earlier periods previously supplied by the Department of Defense in order that the newer data, requested in this letter, can be put in the same format for purposes of comparison.

Sincerely yours,

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