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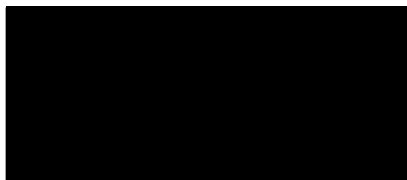
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: No USAF evidence for use of tactical herbicides, such as Agent Orange, associated with any USAF Thailand air base vegetation control during the Vietnam-era

1. The Air Force Historical Research Agency, the official repository of all official United States Air Force official unit and organizational histories, conducted an in-depth research study of each USAF installation that was located in Thailand from 1963 through 1976 (the dates during which the Air Force had operational, maintenance, and security responsibility for Thailand installations supporting the war in Vietnam).
2. Utilizing the official unit histories of the USAF units located at these installations, specifically concentrating on the sections of the units that were responsible for perimeter fence issues and vegetation control, the archivists of the Air Force Historical Research Agency conducted a thorough review of historical civil engineering, security forces, supply, and financial records and reports of the units assigned to USAF installations in Thailand at that time. Although use of commercial herbicides is documented, the archivists found no mention of the transportation, payment for, or use of any tactical herbicide to control vegetation on these USAF installations.
3. Therefore, no documentation or evidence has been found in the holdings of the Air Force Historical Research Agency showing that tactical herbicides, such as Agent Orange, were ever used on any USAF installation in Thailand for vegetation control during the Vietnam era.



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