

Below are excerpts highlighting the Key Points of the private meeting between Kristen Renee Foundation, Maryland Department of Health, and Fort Detrick

Testing Of Agent Orange At Fort Detrick

KRF Scientist John Bee: Given that Agent Orange is known the world over in general, would you like to tell me what was done to test Agent Orange on Fort Detrick in Area B?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Well, from the little bit of information that I've been able to learn in the last week and a half .. **Ummm there was two tests.** One was a tower mounted on a pick-up truck, and I believe there may be some confusion of those towers. But apparently there was a tower on a pick-up truck that drove through a field to simulate aerial from airplanes disbursement.

KRF Scientist John Bee: Okay.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: So that was one of the tests. And according to...

KRF Scientist John Bee: I tell you what... Thank you.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Okay. I can answer the other half of the question if you like.

KRF Founder Randy White: Yeah, I'd like to hear that. I'd like to hear the answer.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: There was also reportedly flyovers of airplanes. **So it was done from trucks and from airplanes. So this is information that I believe since it was raised up to the forefront.**

KRF Founder Randy White: So, may I ask a question? So, you say just in the last week and a half you just started talking about Agent Orange? So as smart as Detrick is you've got some of the most brilliant minds in the world....

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Well, Thank you.

KRF Scientist John Bee: We hope.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: No, they do.. they do.

KRF Founder Randy White: I mean for real, you've got the greatest scientists..

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: He's not sarcastic.

KRF Founder Randy White: Why is it that just in the last week and a half you just start talking about Agent Orange?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Well, as I explained earlier in this forum..

KRF Founder Randy White: Okay, I understand.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: In a meeting that was just as important as the one that happened last night, those people said..

KRF Founder Randy White: But they're not responsible for the pitbull. **Detrick was responsible for the pitbull. So why didn't they say "you know what? Damn it.. We let the pitbull out and..."**

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Sir, I told you what I know. Okay?

KRF Founder Randy White: No, but... I'm just trying.. I'm just...

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: This is where we are today.. I told you what I know. I can not explain why people made certain decisions in 1992..

KRF Founder Randy White: But I'm just... all right I'm asking YOU, YOU, YOU...why just in the last week and a half.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: What sparked... what sparked your interest in that in the last week and a half?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Well... **Obviously it was you folks, okay?** We knew about Agent Orange utilization in the greenhouse environment. We knew about it... And there was not a release. It was not a release to the environment. We...and in even Mr. Covert's book knew that there had been testing of Agent Orange, but the Community said in 1992 in the regulated degree these are not contaminants.

Agent Orange Use Where and How Much

KRF Founder Randy White: Do you know how much was used? What the...

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: No, I don't. I don't

KRF Founder Randy White: None of that. So you don't have any clue of any of that? How many times they flew over? Where?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: **No. And we don't know exactly where because they'll say application of fields A, B, C, D here and E, F, and G over there. We don't know where they are yet. We need to do some serious research.**

KRF Founder Randy White: All right. Now...

KRF Attorney Chris Nidel: Maybe we should have a meeting somewhere else. We're a little close to A, B, C, D, and E.

KRF Founder Randy White: Yeah.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: **As an engineer, I really.. I don't worry about something that might have been applied 45 years ago and has been exposed to the sun and the weather for 45 years because those chemicals break down.**

KRF Attorney Chris Nidel: **As a chemical engineer with a Masters Degree, I worry about those things.**

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: Like in Vietnam. Right.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: They break down.

KRF Founder Randy White: Did you just hear what he's saying?

KRF Attorney Chris Nidel: **They stay in your fat for a long, long time.**

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: I'm talking about the soil.

KRF Attorney Chris Nidel: They stay in your soil for a fair amount of time too. We'll find out.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: We will find out together.

KRF Founder Randy White: But may I just stay along this line for a moment? Now that you know that Agent Orange was used with flyovers, etc, okay.. Are you going to make the public aware of that?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: Well, I think you made the public aware about Agent Orange last night.

KRF Founder Randy White: You have no clue what I wanted to do.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: The subtle information here, do we make them aware of the flyovers. I'm going to have to talk to our attorney about that.

KRF Founder Randy White: Listen., I'm being very serious. I.. he's put the chains on me because I wanted to go pedal to the metal. I'll use that word. And really expose some things that we have. I really did. And Chris said let's.. let's kind of talk this thing through, see if we can work it out. Etc. Let's look at the community as a whole. Fort Detrick..great people.. Two thousand employees, etc. So, I mean that's what we're talking about. That's why we are at this meeting. But my question is now that you know that Agent Orange was used are you... is Fort Detrick going to make the public aware of that.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: Uhh, what I think is the most appropriate way to handle this, Randy, is we have our RAB... let's raise the question..

KRF Founder Randy White: Okay. Hold on. No, no, I have to stop.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: Let me just finish.

KRF Founder Randy White: No, I have to stop. Okay. Go ahead.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: Well, I'm willing to listen to any ideas that you might have on how we get this information out to the public. But the.. But my..

KRF Founder Randy White: I could do it.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: Just like he said we've made the public aware of it.

KRF Founder Randy White: I've got Michael Moore just waiting.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: From our point of view.. Now look at it from our point of view.. You know we want to get this information out to the public because the public is now, you know, raising the issue.. interested. For us, the most appropriate way to do it probably through a RAB meeting.

KRF Founder Randy White: Well, let me help you.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: But, you know, if you have any ideas on how better to do it..

KRF Founder Randy White: Have you been...have you listened to... you listened to the EPA message, correct?

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: The Transcript.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: I.. Yes.

KRF Founder Randy White: The meeting. Okay. And then no one knew who Chuck was, the publicist for.. someone else didn't know who the person was.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: The EPA didn't.

KRF Founder Randy White: No one was talking. It was just kind of.. No one knew anything actually what was

going on. And then we ask how do you get the word out to the public and the answer was we were really just kind of make it known to the people around this area in that Fort Detrick area. How do you get the word out to the public about these meetings?

Public Awareness

KRF Founder Randy White: That is true. So, I'm going to ask you again. Are you going to make the public aware? And this is very important to me as a father who lost a child and a daughter who had two very abnormal tumors removed. Now listen, and a wife or ex wife who right now is in ICU. It's very important to me on how you answer this. Umm, are you going to make them aware in public forum with a ton of advertising, and I'll help you.. I'll pay it.. I'll pay it... that those fields were sprayed with Agent Orange?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: In all honesty, I'm not going to answer that.

KRF Founder Randy White: Why not? Wait a minute. I was asking him.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: Let me just say.. and I'm going to disagree with you. Let me first state that what I think we need to do, Randy, is investigate what we.. what we know happened on Detrick.

KRF Founder Randy White: Kind of the same posture that we know. So in other words what we're doing is kind of like a chess game.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: I don't want to play a chess game.

KRF Founder Randy White: I would much rather sit here today and say, you know what? We can work something out.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: Right.

KRF Founder Randy White: But if I get in the car, I'm going back to Hawaii, and I'm going to let the chips fall where they may.

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: What I'm saying is give us.. allow us enough time to review the records that we have available to us to find out exactly what happened.

KRF Founder Randy White: So, really your just kind of saying basically this is the same sweep. We have a lot of information and you know that. You guys come on..

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: What I'm saying is if you will allow us..

KRF Founder Randy White: Wait a minute, Gary, listen to me. You know we know stuff that we're not (inaudible). You know that. We didn't come in here stupid. We didn't spend all this money to come in here and be an ass. What I'm saying, we're trying to work some things out here. So I'm asking you, you know stuff and I'm asking you. We've got.. here's 400 people right here.. 400 right here, real people that we have sat down eyeball to eyeball and looked at that are dying. That's a lot of people. Now, wait, wait. And I just asked to do a little statistic. They say that Fort Detrick are saying there's 7,900 within a one mile radius. That's what my statistician just said Fort Detrick is saying; 7,900. You have 400.. I'm just telling you what their saying. I could be wrong.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: We have 7,900 on post. I'm not sure..

KRF Founder Randy White: I'm saying as far as within a one mile radius.

Department Of Health Barbara Brookmeyer: Right, so I do have that ad also that you've got people who don't currently live here. So, I mean, that is one of the things..

KRF Founder Randy White: Okay.

Department Of Health Barbara Brookmeyer: That we'll be challenging later on. But anyway.. Nevertheless..

KRF Founder Randy White: Nevertheless..

Department Of Health Barbara Brookmeyer: 7,900 yeah.

KRF Founder Randy White: We have information that I wanted to go in last night and demand everyone's resignation and call a national news conference. On the advice of my counsel, he said let's wait and try to do some negotiations. Is that all right, Chris? Okay. I'm trying to work this out. But, but..

KRF Attorney Chris Nidel: That's quite a leash I have.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: We're used to pitbulls.

KRF Founder Randy White: Yes, we are, very much so. You know you sprayed the fields now. You're EPA, right? Correct?

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: He's environmental for the Army.

KRF Founder Randy White: Environmental.. Army. So you know you sprayed the fields, etc. So we don't go through the whole scenario of the Dottie Blanks, the Howard Dintermans - who was my great uncle by the way . Are you familiar with the Dintermans? Any of you? None of you are familiar with the Dintermans?

KRF Spokesperson Amy Bates: The Dintermans.

KRF Founder Randy White: All right. None of you are familiar with the Dintermans?

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: No. Why?

KRF Founder Randy White: The woman who sat out here for two years with her husband in the wheelchair.

KRF Spokesperson Amy Bates: That worked for Detrick.

KRF Founder Randy White: That worked for Detrick.. That they took his retirement. None of you are familiar..

KRF Spokesperson Amy Bates: Picketed outside.

KRF Founder Randy White: Your kidding me!

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: They picketed Fort Detrick. They went to Congress.

KRF Founder Randy White: I've got every news article here.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: It certainly didn't happen after March 23rd, 2003.

KRF Founder Randy White: No.

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: Because that's when you started.

Fort Detrick Environmental Scientist Bob Craig: That's when I started.

KRF Founder Randy White: All right, all right. Anyway, we don't want to go through those scenarios again. So now that we know what we know, why doesn't Detrick just come out and say this is what we're finding out happened?

KRF Spokesperson Rachel Pisani: And we're investigating it.

Fort Detrick Spokesperson: The same reason that you guys are withholding information on the.. until you have a complete data set of the dioxin study. You know, it's the same reason. You can't go half-cocked into a situation. So, I mean..

Fort Detrick Attorney Gary Zolyak: Randy, what do you want to do? And what I'm asking you and your group to do is give us some time to learn what exactly happened here. Rob makes a good point. We don't want to alarm unnecessarily the community.