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To

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Subject

herbisides

i lived in the denny area of california the summer of 1979, as a result of the spraying of 24D and other poisons used in by the us forrest service, many of my friends miscarried, there were also children born with severe cleft palates, and one baby born without a skull. this from a very small population of river and mountain people, trying to live off the land. i thought i had missed that unfortunate situation with my unborn child, however, when my son who was born in march 1978 developed leukemia at age 10, i realized my son was killed before he was even born. there are numerous studies linking 24D and the exposure vietnam vets recieved, and an increase risk of leukemia in their children. please, to prove beyond a doubt will never happen, because the study would need to purposefully expose innocents and determine the increase cancer. don't make anymore parents and families go through the suffering my family and i went through as we watched our beloved son and brother slowly die, piece by piece over a 2 year period. i plead with you to use other methods of weed control, most notably using manpower, there are certainly many people who need work. any more dead children are too many... the true cost of herbicide use must be understood. please do not spray herbicides or other poisons in our forrests, please do not make the people suffer for profit. thank you.  
sincerely, joanne grace

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