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2 Q. Was that opposition on the part of the
3 Military scrutinized by your office in the
4 determination to recommend to the President the
5 termination of the use of herbicides. Was it
6 weighed and evaluated?

7 A. It was weighed, yes.

8 Q. Did your office conclude -- did your
9 office conclude in the course of this assessment
10 that there was, indeed, a very substantial military
11 benefit that had been and was being derived from the
12 use of herbicides in Vietnam?

13 MR. O'BRIEN: Objection.

14 MR. DEAN: Object to the form.

15 A. We -- the Military certainly felt strongly
16 about the fact that there was a military benefit.
17 We had to weigh it against the overall foreign and
18 domestic policy we were considering, and so we
19 decided to overrule the Military without necessarily
20 questioning their military judgment.

21 Q. You say without necessarily questioning.
22 Do you recall whether your office, in fact, acceded
23 to or agreed with the Military's assessment of the
24 military benefit that was being derived from the use
25 of the product?