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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT IN
SUPPORT OF CLAIM REGARDING JACK A. SHELDON

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The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran:

I. This is a detailed life-time history of both pre-service and post-service employment showing duties performed, regardless of the type of employment:

DATE	EMPLOYER	DUTIES
1956-62	U.S. Air Force	Fire Protection Specialist
1962	George Byers & Sons Columbus, Ohio	Car Salesman - no mechanic work
1962	Cumberland Auto Sales Harriman, TN	Car Salesman - no mechanic work
1962	Central Auto Harriman, TN	Car Salesman - no mechanic work
1963	Tesco Chemical	Drove truck for 2 months; hauled chlorine. No Chemical Exposure
1963-70	Lockeed Georgia Co., Marietta, GA	Ran Milling Machine; cut aluminum and steel with a machine -- equipment operator
1970-73	Truck Driver, self-employed	Towed mobile homes
Dec. 1973 - April 1974	M. Fisher	Truck driver; hauled freight - caterpillar
1974	TVA	Laborer; cleaned mud off of bulldozer wheels; used pick and shovel
June 1974	Retired; disability September	
1974-79	Unemployed	
Dec. 1979 (4 wks)	Morgan County School Board	Shop teacher, machinest Instructor

II. Life-time history of both pre-service and post-service exposure to asbestos. Birth to 1956 (age 17) had no asbestos exposure during this time. Quit high school at the age of 17 to join U.S. Air Force.

September 24, 1956, joined U.S. Air Force, E-3 Airman Second Class (AF14629740). Harlingen Air Force Base, Harlingen, Texas:

Was in finance for approximately 30 days. Then became fire protection specialist. He worked at the airport, and fought fires. He had a training period where fires were set and they were instructed on putting these fires out. He wore asbestos fire protection suits for approximately four to eight hours per day every other day. He set out in fire trucks on line standby wearing the asbestos fire protection suits. These suits would fray behind the knees, at the elbows, and other places where the suits became cracked and worn. Where these suits were cracked and worn they would put out a dust. The fire truck, or where ever they were sitting would become dusty because of the asbestos fibers coming from the cracked and frayed fire suit. This suit also had a hood which fitted over the head. The lining of the inside of the hood would become frayed at the seams. Dust was created when these seams would become worn and frayed. He wore this hood approximately one hour per day on the average.

September 25, 1957, Bentwater Air Force Base, Bentwater, England. Stationed here approximately one to two weeks. Did not actually work as a fire protection specialist for those two weeks.

October 1957 to 1958, transferred to Shepards Grove Air Force Base, Stanton, England.

Worked here approximately one to one and one-half years. Was a fire protection specialist. Wore asbestos fire protection suits. Was on twenty-four hour duty and off twenty-four hour duty. Wore asbestos fire protection suits approximately eight to ten hours per day. These suits would fray and crack -- creating asbestos dusts whenever the suits became worn or had frequent bending. The suit also had a hood which fitted over the head. The lining of the inside of the hood would become frayed at the seams. Dust was created when these seams would become worn and frayed. He wore this hood approximately one hour per day on the average.

1958 to 1960, Woodbridge Air Force Base, England. Assigned to Bentwater Air Force Base.

Worked here approximately one to one and one-half years. Was a fire protection specialist. Wore asbestos fire protection suits. Was on twenty-four hour duty and off twenty-four hour duty. Wore asbestos fire protection suits approximately eight to ten hours per day. These suits would fray and crack -- creating asbestos dusts whenever the suits became worn or had frequent bending. The suit also had a hood which fitted over the head. The lining of the inside of the hood would become frayed at the seams. Dust was created when these seams would become worn and frayed. He wore this hood approximately one hour per day on the average.

September 1960 to January 1961, discharged for four months. Had no asbestos exposure during this time. Drew unemployment.

January 1961, re-enlisted, U.S. Air Force, 337 Material Squadron Air Defense Command. Assigned to Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon.

At this job again wore asbestos fire protection suits six to eight hours per day. Wore asbestos fire protection suits approximately eight to ten hours per day. These suits would fray and crack -- creating asbestos dusts whenever the suits became worn or had frequent bending. The suit also had a hood which fitted over the head. The lining of the inside of the hood would become frayed at the seams. Dust was created when these seams would become worn and frayed. He wore this hood approximately one hour per day on the average.

1962, discharged from the U.S. Air Force with medical diagnosis of asthma.

1962 to present, has had no further known asbestos exposure to knowledge.

I certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this 23 day of June, 1981.

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