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Professor Sir Richard Doll
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Dear Sir Richard,

Please find enclosed a department report containing rebuttals by Dr. Hardell and myself regarding the final report of the Royal Commission on the Use and Effects of Chemical Agents on Australian Personnel in Vietnam. I understand from a newspaper article in Sydney Morning Herald of December 31, 1985, that you have been approached by the Commission and the newspaper report says, correctly or not, that you praise Justice Evatt's review of the work by Dr. Hardell.

I am afraid that you either have been misquoted or seriously deceived (as I myself regarding participation in this questionable process) by the Commission since the report is full of errors, misquotations and in my view also conscious lies in order to discredit the Swedish studies. I think it is a serious development for epidemiology if lawyers should be those who evaluate epidemiology in the future, especially after having manipulated with the data.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olav Axelson'.

Olav Axelson