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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

No. 20-2909

MARION BOBO,

PETITIONER,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

RESPONDENT.

Before GREENBERG, *Judge*.

**ORDER**

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),  
this action may not be cited as precedent.*

On April 28, 2020, the petitioner through counsel filed a petition for extraordinary relief in the nature of a writ of mandamus asking the Court to order the Secretary to take action on an ischemic heart disease based on herbicide exposure claim. Petition at 1-2. According to the petition, in his efforts to establish herbicide exposure, the petitioner submitted photographs and maps of his Air Force base in Thailand to VA. In a September 14, 2018, decision, the Board of Veterans' Appeals remanded for further development, including determining, to the degree possible, the authenticity of maps submitted by petitioner. *See* Petitioner, Exhibit 1. The petitioner alleges that despite numerous attempts to obtain the status of this claim, he has only received an October 2019 letter informing him that his claim was being worked on. Petition, Exhibit 3. Based on the facts alleged, a reply from the Secretary is warranted. It is

ORDERED that, within 14 days of the date of this order, the Secretary shall respond and provide the status of the petitioner's ischemic heart disease claim.

DATED: May 4, 2020

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William S. Greenberg", with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM S. GREENBERG  
Judge

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