### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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# In the Matter of GIA HUU PHAM and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, U.S. COMMISSARY STORE, Saigon, Vietnam

Docket No. 99-1826; Submitted on the Record; Issued September 6, 2000

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#### **DECISION** and **ORDER**

### Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly denied appellant's compensation claim on the grounds that his claim was not filed within the applicable time limitation provisions of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the February 12, 1999 decision of the Office hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The February 12, 1999 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. September 6, 2000

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member