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Mr. Ali Reza
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Dear Mr. Reza:

For eyewitness accounts of illegal chemical warfare in Southeast Asia, you should write to the U.S. Department of State and ask for "Reports of the Use of Chemical Weapons in Afganistan, Laos and Kampuchea" and also for the "Update to the Compendium on the Reports of the Use of Chemical Weapons March, 1981". I should add that I did not find these reports convincing. They were not collected by qualified social scientists. The witnesses were apparently pre-selected for believing that the events directly resulted from chemical warfare. In particular, I suspect that much of the illness and death described did indeed occur but was not caused by chemical attack. For the most complete discussion of the issue yet published, I recommend the article in Chemical & Engineering News, Vol.62 for January 9, 1984, pp.8-34.

Sincerely yours,

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