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SUBJECT:REPORTED CHEMICAL AGENT USE IN KAMPUCHEA

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

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2. INITIATIVE OF MISSION OFFICER IN OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPH OF ALLEGED DUD CHEMICAL AGENT ROUND MUCH APPRECIATED. AS EMBASSY WELL KNOWS THERE IS SIGNIFICANT CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATION INTEREST IN ALLEGED "POISON GAS" USE IN KAMPUCHEA.

3. WE ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF MORE EXTENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE DUD ROUND AND IN ANY FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW WITH AFFECTED PERSONNEL (REFTEL) IF POSSIBLE. WE WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. EXAMINATION OF ROUND.

4. WE FULLY APPRECIATE NECESSITY OF EMBASSY FOCUS ON BROAD SURVIVAL NEEDS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF KHMER IN BORDER AREAS, BUT ENCOURAGE CONTINUING INITIATIVES ON "POISON GAS" CONCERNS (REFTEL) WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
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