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 SUBJ: REPORTED USE OF CHEMICAL WARFARE BY
 VIETNAMESE IN KAMPUCHEA

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT
2. KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS ON FEBRUARY 17 BROUGHT TO ICRC MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE SOUTHERN BORDER AREA SEVERAL SPECIMENS OF BLOOD TAKEN FROM CASUALTIES SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A VIETNAMESE GAS ATTACK. THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE ABOUT FEBRUARY 14 AND PROBABLY AS MANY AS THIRTY PEOPLE DIED AS A RESULT ON FEBRUARY 16. SYMPTOMS REPORTED WERE VERTIGO, VOMITING, EXTREME THIRST, ECCHYMOSIS, BLOODY SPUTUM, COMA AND DEATH.
3. ATTACK WAS REPORTED BY KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ABOUT TWENTY KILOMETERS INSIDE KAMPUCHEA, EAST OF KHLONG NA IN THAILAND.
4. WE HAVE OBTAINED FIVE SEPARATE BLOOD SAMPLES WHICH ARE BEING RETURNED TO BANGKOK TOMORROW FOR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS AT AFRIMS AND WILL REPORT AS SOON AS RESULTS OF THAT ANALYSIS ARE AVAILABLE.

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