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BANGKOK FOR DAO

E.O. 12065 GDS 2/28/86 (LYNE, STEPHEN R.)

TAGS: SHUM, MOPS, LA, CB

SUBJECT: POISON GAS FOLLOWUP

REF: A. BANGKOK 8539, B. BANGKOK 8453

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY EFFORTS TO FOLLOW UP ON SOMETIME ELUSIVE REPORTS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT MANY DEMANDS CURRENTLY BEING MADE ON EMBASSY. AS WE BEGIN PREPARING REQUIRED MAY REPORT FOR CONGRESS ON WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN SITUATION, EMBASSY REPORTS AND ACTIONS WILL PLAY KEY ROLE. FOLLOWING ARE SOME SUPPLEMENTAL IDEAS.

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3. PILOT MENTIONED REF B APPEARS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFOR-

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MATION ON ISSUE AND WE SUGGEST HE BE QUESTIONED ON THIS POINT.

4. WE HAVE NOTED A NUMBER OF RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING KAMPUCHEA, AND HOPE THAT YOU SUCCEED IN TRACKING DOWN ULTIMATE SOURCING OF THOSE THAT ARE STILL PENDING.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE REPORTS OF A LARGE GROUP OF REFUGEES WHICH ENTERED NONG KHAI PROVINCE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. DO THEY MENTION GAS AS A FACTOR IN THEIR DECISION TO LEAVE, OR HAVE THEY EXPERIENCED ATTACKS IN THE PAST?
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