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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM PERMANENT MISSION OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA IN GENEVA A CIRCULAR CONTAINING A COMPENDIUM OF USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN KAMPUCHEA BETWEEN JULY 1979 AND MARCH 1980. ON THE CHANCE THAT SOME OF THIS MAY BE NEW INFORMATION, AND BECAUSE A COMPLETE LIST MAY BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT, WE ARE TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THIS CIRCULAR.

QUOTE.

A. JULY-NOVEMBER 1979: TOXIC CHEMICALS SPILLINGS  
-- JULY 25 AND 26, AUGUST 28 AND 29, 1979:

SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN THE REACTORNG PHNOM (MOUNT), NORTH OF KIRIROM, PROVINCE OF KOMPONG SPEU. 8 PERSONS KILLED (3 OLD-AGED PERSONS, 2 CHILDREN OF 11 YEARS OLD AND 3 CHILDREN OF 3 YEARS OLD) AND SEVERAL INTOXICATED MOSTLY OLD PEOPLE, PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

THE VICTIMS SHOW THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS: BURNING OF SKIN (TO BE COMPARED WITH THAT ONE CAUSED BY FIRE), VOMITINGS, DIZZINESS, FEVER AND DEATH.

-- SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6, 1979:

SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AT ANDAUNG TOEK AND THMAR BAING (PROVINCE OF KOH KONG): 6 PERSONS DEAD (AN OLD WOMAN, 3 CHILDREN AND 2 PREGNANT WOMEN) AND 10 PERSONS SEVERELY INTOXICATED.

THE EFFECTS OF THE PRODUCT ARE AS FOLLOWS: ICY FEELING ON SKIN FOLLOWED A SHORT WHILE AFTER BY INTENSE HEAT AND BRAIN-FEVER LEADING TO DEATH.

-- OCTOBER 1, 2 AND 3, 1979:

SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ON THE WESTERN REGION OF BATTAMBANG PROVINCE BETWEEN DAILIN AND PUIPET: 15 PERSONS KILLED (3 OLD MEN, 2 OLD WOMEN, 2 ADOLESCENTS, 3 WOMEN AND 5 CHILDREN), MANY PERSONS ARE IN A CRITICAL SITUATION.

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THE USED PRODUCT SUCH AS ONE USED AGAINST MOSQUITOES REMAINS STUCK TO THE LEAVES OF THE TREES. ANY PERSON WHO BREATHES IT FEELS IMMEDIATELY DIZZY, COLLAPSES, HAS BLOOD VOMIT, DRIVELS PLENTIFULLY, IS AT ONE'S LAST GASP AND THEN DIES. CULTURES SUCH AS RICE, CORN, BEANS, MANIOCS FADE AWAY AND THEN ARE DEAD.

-- OCTOBER 20, 1979:

SPREADING CARRIED OUT BY MIG PLANES ON THE DISTRICTS OF CHHOUK AND KOH SLA (PROVINCE OF KAMPOT), PHNOM SRUCCH AND KNOG PISEI (PROVINCE OF KOMPONG SPEU) AND TRAMKAK (PROVINCE OF TAKEO). 3 PERSONS KILLED, 12 OTHERS INTOXICATED.

THE USED PRODUCT PROVOKES FEVER SWELLINGS ON FACE, ON LIPS AND ON ALL THE BODY, BLOODY VOMITINGS AND THEN DEATH.

-- OCTOBER 26, 1979:

SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ALONG THE ROAD NR 10, BETWEEN PAING ROLDEM AND PAILIN (PROVINCE OF BATTAMBANG): 2 CHILDREN KILLED, 18 PERSONS INTOXICATED, ALL CULTURES DEVASTATED.

THE PRODUCT IS THE SAME AS ONE USED ON THE REGION OF PAILIN-POIPET.

-- OCTOBER 28, 1979:

SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ON THE REGION STRETCHING FROM REANG KHVAV (PURSAT PROVINCE) TILL MOUNT AURAL.

83 PERSONS (MOSTLY CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN AND OLD PERSONS) HAVE BEEN KILLED.

THE CHEMICALS LOOK LIKE ANTI-MOSQUITOES PRODUCT. IN CONTACT WITH SKIN, IT PROVOKES BURNINGS ALONG WITH HIGH FEVERS AND BLOODY VOMITINGS AND THEN DEATH.

-- NOVEMBER 5, 1979:

NEW SPREADING ON THE DISTRICTS OF TOEK PHOS, BARIBAUR (KOMPONG CHANANG PROVINCE) AND ON THE DISTRICT OF LEACH (PURSAT PROVINCE): 35 PERSONS KILLED, 72 OTHERS INTOXICATED. 2 SPREADINGS ON THE SAME REGION WITHIN ONE WEEK. HAVING A YELLOW COLOUR, THE TOXIC CHEMICALS BURN SKIN, EMIT A SMELL WHICH CREATES DIZZINESS, PROVOKES BLEEDING THROUGH MOUTH AND EARS AND THEN LEADS TO DEATH.

-- NOVEMBER 10, 11 AND 12:

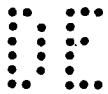
SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ON THE WESTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT OF LEACH (PURSAT PROVINCE): 3 PERSONS KILLED (2 OLD PEOPLE AND ONE CHILD) AND 15 OTHERS INTOXICATED. THE CHEMICAL PRODUCT HAS A YELLOW COLOUR. IT CAUSES BURNINGS, BLOODY VOMITINGS, FEVER, DIARRHEA AND DEATH.

B. NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1979: DISTRIBUTION OF POISONOUS FOOD AND MEDICINES.

-- MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER:

THE VIETNAMESE OCCUPANT HAS DISTRIBUTED POISONOUS RED CORN TO THE POPULATION IN THE DISTRICTS OF SISOPHON AND

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MONGKOLBOREI, CAUSING THE DEATH AND INTOXICATION OF SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF PERSONS.

-- MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER AND BEGINNING OF DECEMBER:

DISTRIBUTIONS OF POISONOUS RED CORN HAVE ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS OF THE EAST REGION. HUNDREDS OF PERSONS HAVE ALSO BEEN POISONED.

IN THE TIME BETWEEN, IN PHNOM PENH AND IN OUDONG, POISONS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED OR SOLD AS MEDICINES BY VIETNAMESE "PHYSICIANS", KILLING SEVERAL TENS OF PERSONS.

C. JANUARY-MARCH 1980: TOXIC GAS SHELL-FIRING AND POURING OF CHEMICALS

-- JANUARY 14, 1980:

TOXIC GAS SHELL-FIRING ON SEN MONOROM (ONE LOCALITY OF MONDULKIRI PROVINCE IN THE NORTH-EAST); 16 PERSONS KILLED AND 21 SEVERELY INJURED.

-- JANUARY 15, 17 AND 20, 1980:

SPREADING OF CHEMICALS ON THE WESTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT OF LEACH (PURSAT PROVINCE); 17 PERSONS KILLED (8 OLD PERSONS, 5 CHILDREN, 4 PREGNANT WOMEN) AND 60 INTOXICATED AMONG WHOM 25 SEVERELY.

THE CHEMICAL SHOWS A HIGHER DEGREE OF TOXICITY THAN THE PRECEDENT ONES. IT IS YELLOW. THE AFFECTED PERSONS FEEL THAT THEIR THROAT BECOME DRY THEN THEY ARE STRUCK WITH COUGHING, STIFFENING OF JAWS AND BODY, WITH FEVER AND THEN DIE.

-- JANUARY 17, 1980:

MORE THAN 100 SHELLS WITH TOXIC GAS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED INTO THE DISTRICT OF THMAR BAING (KOM KONG PROVINCE); 4 PERSONS KILLED AND 30 INTOXICATED.

-- JANUARY 20, 1980:

THE POPULATION OF SDAO (DISTRICT DE SAMLAUT, BATTAMBANG PROVINCE) HAS BEEN VICTIMS OF A DISTRIBUTION OF POISONOUS CORN (50 FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED AND MANY PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED)

ON JANUARY 25, 1980, THE POPULATION OF THE SAME VILLAGE HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF A TOXIC GAS SHELLING MAKING 10 PEOPLE KILLED AND MANY OTHERS ILL.

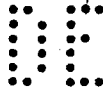
-- JANUARY 25, 1980:

NEW TOXIC GAS SHELLING AGAINST THMAR BAING (8 PERSONS KILLED) AND SPREADING OF CHEMICALS UPON KOM KONG PROVINCE.

-- JANUARY 26, 1980:

TOXIC GAS SHELLING BETWEEN TAING SOU, AUR LAK, VAT TATOUY AND PAILIN (BATTAMBANG); 4 PEOPLE KILLED, 20 SEVERELY INTOXICATED. THE TOXIC GAS CAUSES DISTURBANCES, DIZZINESS, SUFFOCATIONS, VANISHING, BLEEDING THROUGH MOUTH, NOSE AND RECTUM. IT PROVOKES DEATH WITHIN 24 OR 48 HOURS IF

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THE VICTIM IS LOCATED IN A CIRCLE OF 100 TO 200 METERS FROM THE SPOT OF EXPLOSION.  
-- FROM JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 5:

TOXIC GAS SHELLING AND CHEMICALS SPREADING HAVE DAILY TAKEN PLACE IN THE SECTOR OF PAILIN-KAMRIENG AND THE WESTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT OF LEACH (PURSAT PROVINCE). ABOUT 100 PEOPLE KILLED AND WOUNDED HAVE BEEN ENUMERATED.

-- FEBRUARY 1, 2 AND 3:

FIRING OF 105 MM SHELLS WITH TOXIC GAS AGAINST TAING SOU, AUR TA EM AND AGAINST THE FORESTS AND MOUNTAINS LOCATED IN SOUTH OF PAILIN.

-- FEBRUARY 3:

SPREADING OF CHEMICALS ON KAMRIENG: 10 PEOPLE KILLED AND 25 INTOXICATED.

-- FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 1980:

SPREADINGS OF CHEMICALS AND TOXIC GAS SHELLING AGAINST PAILIN AND KAMRIENG, BRINGING TO MORE THAN 100 THE FIGURES OF VICTIMS WITHIN A DOZEN DAYS. ON THE SAME DAY, SPILLING AND SHELLING AGAINST LEACH: 35 PEOPLE KILLED AND INTOXICATED.

-- FEBRUARY 7 AND 8:

TOXIC GAS AGAINST PAILIN AND KAMRIENG: 8 PEOPLE KILLED AND 38 INTOXICATED AMONG WHOM 15 SEVERELY.

-- FEBRUARY 20 AND 21:

SPREADING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ON WEST OF LEACH: 3 PEOPLE KILLED AND 13 INTOXICATED.

-- FEBRUARY 27, 1980:

TOXIC GAS SHELLING THE REGION OF PAILIN (TAING-SOU, MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS AROUND PAILIN): 8 PEOPLE KILLED AND 17 INTOXICATED.

-- MARCH 7 AND 9, 1980:

TOXIC GAS SHELLING AGAINST THE VILLAGES LOCATED IN THE UPPER PART OF KOH KONG PROVINCE: 1 PERSON KILLED AND 13 INTOXICATED.

-- MARCH 8, 1980:

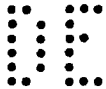
TOXIC GAS SHELLING AND CHEMICALS SPREADING AGAINST SALA KRAO IN THE NORTH OF PAILIN. 15 PEOPLE KILLED AND INTOXICATED.

-- MARCH 15 AND 16, 1980:

SPREADING AND INTENSIVE TOXIC GAS SHELLING AGAINST THE VILLAGES AND GUERRILLA BASES LOCATED BETWEEN MOUNT MALAY AND SISOPHON IN THE SOUTH OF THE ROAD NR 5: 7 PEOPLE KILLED AND 27 INTOXICATED.

D. SECOND FORTNIGHT OF FEBRUARY 1980: POISONING OF WATER SPRINGS

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DURING THE SECOND FORTNIGHT OF FEBRUARY, MANY REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY POISONED WATER SPRINGS - IN THE COMMUNE OF SRE CHIH (KRATIE PROVINCE); 20 PEOPLE KILLED AND INTOXICATED, - IN SAMLAUT; THE POISON IS PUT IN THE JARS BELONGING TO 2 FAMILIES; THE 11 MEMBERS OF THOSE 2 FAMILIES HAVE BEEN KILLED; - IN THE DISTRICT OF SANDAN (KOMPONG THOM), - IN THE DISTRICT OF ANGKOR BOREI (TAKEO PROVINCE); 7 PEOPLE KILLED (WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CATTLE WHICH HAS SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES). UNQUOTE. HELMAN

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