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SUBJ: GAS GRENADE FOUND; THAI'S SAY RESULTS OF PREVIOUS

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REF: A. BANGKOK 17788, B. BANGKOK 14206, C. BANGKOK
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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. DK TROOPS AT PHNUM CHAT HAVE GIVEN THAI TROOPS A GAS GRENADE FOUND ON THE BATTLEFIELD (REF A). THE DK SAID THAT THEY FOUND THE GRENADE IN AN AREA WHICH THE PAVN HAD ATTACKED WITH ARTILLERY OR MORTAR-FIRED GAS ROUNDS AND THEN APPARENTLY SWEEPED THROUGH. EMBOFF EXAMINED THE WEAPON. IT IS ROUND, AS BIG AS A TENNIS BALL, PAINTED OLIVE DRAB, WOODEN WITH A PIN IN THE TOP AND TWO FLUSH, ROUND BLACK PLASTIC ALLEN-WRENCH OPERATED SCREWS IN THE BOTTOM. THE FINELY-TOOLED GRENADE IS LABELED IN RED INK, "CS-1 ABCM25A2 NCI-2-28 MOT", AROUND ITS EQUATOR.
3. ACCORDING TO THE VERNACULAR PRESS, APRIL 17, ROYAL THAI ARMY SECRETARY NEL VINIT BUNYAWAT REVEALED THAT INDICATIONS ARE THE VIETNAMESE SIDE HAS USED POISON GAS ALONG THE THAI-KHMER BORDER. HE ADDED THAT THE ARMY HAD ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IN CASE THE GAS SHOULD SPREAD INTO THAILAND AND EXPLAINED THE STEPS FOR SELF-PROTECTION TO BOTH TROOPS AND CIVILIANS. (REF B WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL THAI MENTION OF A POSSIBLE GAS DANGER).
4. COLONEL VINIT ADDED THAT THAILAND HAS SENT EVIDENCE TO THE USE OF GAS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN THAILAND WHICH WAS UNABLE TO TEST THE

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EVIDENCE HERE AND SENT IT ABROAD, SO FAR WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF RESULTS.

5. IF ADDRESSEES CAN IDENTIFY THE GRENADE DESCRIBED, PLEASE ADVISE. THAI SOURCES WHO SUPPLIED THE GARMENT SENT FOR TESTING IN EARLY MARCH (REF C) ARE CURIOUS ABOUT RESULTS AND WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY REPORT.
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