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5. VIETNAM/KAMPUCHEA: FURTHER INDICATIONS OF TOXIC CHEMICAL USE IN KAMPUCHEA (TSU) : [REDACTED] SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (DK) ACCUSATIONS THAT PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) FORCES ARE USING TOXIC CHEMICALS IN KAMPUCHEA. THAI REPORTS CLAIM THAT VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN "SPREADING POISON" ALONG THE KAMPUCHEA THAILAND BORDER SINCE 5 JANUARY 1981. THE THAI REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PAVN CONTAMINATED WATER AND VEGETATION WITH A TOXIC CHEMICAL WHICH PRODUCED STOMACH PAINS, HEADACHES, BLEEDING, RESTRICTED BREATHING AND DEATH. [REDACTED]

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DK ACCUSATIONS THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE USING LETHAL CHEMICALS AGAINST DK FORCES AND KAMPUCHEAN REFUGEES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BY RELIABLE EVIDENCE UNTIL NOW. [REDACTED]

BUT THERE IS STILL INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE WITH CERTAINTY WHETHER THE PAVN IS USING LETHAL CHEMICALS IN KAMPUCHEA. THE PAVN ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE USED NON-LETHAL SCREENING SMOKE, BURN CONTROL AGENTS AND POSSIBLY INCAPACITATING AGENTS AGAINST THE DK GUERRILLAS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. [REDACTED]

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