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SUBJECT: IR 6 895 0063 81/THAILAND/LAOS/CHEMICAL WARFARE
SAMPLE (U)

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1. (U) COUNTRY: THAILAND (TH)/LAOS (LA)
2. (U) IR NO: 6 895 0063 81
3. (U) TITLE: CHEMICAL WARFARE SAMPLE (U)
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- 5. (U) ORIGINATOR: USDAO BANGKOK TH
- 6. (U) REQ REFS: A-FSC-49609
- 7. (U) SOURCE: OTS. SOURCE IS A H'MONG REFUGEE AND A FORMER ARMY COLONEL.

8. ~~(U)~~ SUMMARY: REPORT ADDRESSED AN ALLEGED CHEMICAL WARFARE SAMPLE PROVIDED RO WHILE VISITING H'MONG REFUGEE CAMP AT BAN VINAI 24 MAY 1981. CHEMICAL SAMPLE WILL BE DISPATCHED BY DIPLOMATIC COURIER 28 MAY 81 TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON DC ON 2 JUNE. SAMPLE WILL BE ADDRESSED TO GENE HENDERSON DT-1A.

9A. ~~(U)~~ DETAILS: ON 14 MAY 1981 AN AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED AS AN IL-28 (?) OVERFLEW SOURCE'S VILLAGE. VILLAGE WAS CALLED NA LEK (NCA) AND IS APPROX. TWO DAYS WALK FROM THE MEKONG ESSESTIALLY ACROSS FROM THE BAN NINAI REFUGEE CAMP. THE AIRCRAFT RELEASED A SPRAY LIKE SUBSTANCE WHICH WAS STICKY AT FIRST AND LATER DRIED. SOURCE INDICATED THAT HE HAD RED BLISTERS WHERE THE SUBSTANCE CAME IN CONTACT WITH HIS SKIN. SOURCE SUFFERED SEVERE HEADACHES, STOMACH CRAMPS, CONSTRICTED CHEST, DIARRHEA AND HE COMMENTED HIS URINE WAS WHITE AND HE APPEARED TO HAVE TO URINATE MORE THAN NORMAL. SOURCE STATED THAT ALL THE ANIMALS DIED, WITH THE PIGS BEING THE FIRST TO SUCCUMB. THE FOLIAGE LIKEWISE DIED. THE SUBSTANCE APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BURNED HOLES IN THE VEGETATION AS OFTEN REPORTED. MOST OF THOSE WHO WERE AFFECTED, DRANK WATER WHICH HAD BEEN CONTAMINATED BY THE SUBSTANCE. A TOTAL OF 14 DRANK, OF WHOM 5 (SOURCE INCLUDED) EXPERIENCED SYMPTOMS AKIN TO INTOXICATION. SOURCE REPORTED NO HUMAN DEATHS IN THIS ATTACK. ONE OF THE H'MONG LEADERS IN THE CAMP POINTED OUT THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE SUBSTANCE BEING USED PRESENTLY IS GENERALLY LESS POTENT THAN THE SUBSTANCE PREVIOUSLY USED. PERSONNEL ARE REPORTING ILLNESS AS A GENERAL RULE, AND DEATH AS AN EXCEPTION.

9B. ~~(U)~~ ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS: SOURCE WAS DIFFICULT TO TALK TO FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, MOST OF WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO THE CW ATTACK. THE SAMPLE, HE STATES, WAS COLLECTED AND BOTTLED BY HIMSELF.

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- 10. (U) PROJECT NO: NONE
- 11. (U) COLL MGMT CODES: NONE
- 12. (U) SPEC INSTR: DIRC: NO
- 13. (U) PREPARED BY: CHARLES D. LANE, LTC, USA, AARMA
- 14. (U) APPROVED BY: JERRY A. CRIST, COL, USAF, DATT
- 15. (U) REQ EVAL: YEA RELEASE TO: NONE
- 16. (U) ENCL: FORWARDED BY DIPLOMATIC COURIER 28 MAY 81.

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