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REPORT NO: 6 895 5062 81

TITLE: Possible Chemical Warfare Sample (U)

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REPORT DATE: 810507
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ORIGINATOR: USDAO AARMA Bangkok TH

REQ REFERENCES: A-FSC-49609

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REQUEST EVALUATION: Y N
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X 1 bottle of suspected CI Agent. (C)

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8 FEBRUARY 84. HE REPORTED CONCURRENT EXPOSURE TO A "GAS" WHICH HE REPORTED RESULTED IN A TWO TO THREE DAY HISTORY OF DIZZINESS, TEARING OF EYES, BLURRED VISION, WEAKNESS, TIGHTNESS IN CHEST AND DRY THROAT.

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(2) THE MEDICAL, RADIOLOGIC AND LABORATORY DATA WAS REVIEWED FROM THE CHART AND DISCUSSED WITH THE ATTENDING SURGEON. THE PATIENT WAS INTERVIEWED AND EXAMINED BY DR. SAURI. THE HOSPITAL COURSE IS AS FOLLOWS: THE PATIENT WAS TREATED EXPECTANTLY WITH IV FLUIDS AND IV VALIUM AND FOLEY CATHETERIZATION. THE PATIENT WAS NOT DESCRIBED IN SHOCK AND REMAINED CONSCIOUS THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL COURSE. PATIENT REVEALED GROSS HEMATURIA, LEFT UPPER QUADRANT ABDOMINAL, LEFT FLANK AND LEFT-SIDED CHEST PAIN AND A LEFT HYPOCHONDRIC FULLNESS WAS NOTED ON INITIAL EXAM. INITIAL CXR AND HUN WERE NORMAL. RIB FRACTURES WERE NOT COMPLETELY RULED OUT. PERITONEAL TAPS WERE NOT PERFORMED AND RENAL FUNCTION WAS NOT ASSESSED EXCEPT FOR THE PERSISTENCE OF ADEQUATE URINE OUTPUT THROUGH HOSPITALIZATION. FEVER SPIKED TO 39 DEGREES CENTIGRADE ON THE SECOND HOSPITAL DAY THEN DETERGESCED. GASTROGASTRIC LAVAGE AND SUCTION REVEALED NO ACTIVE BLEEDING, HOWEVER, THE PATIENT DID DROP HIS INITIAL HEMATOCRIT FROM 38.5 ON 9 FEBRUARY 84 TO 21.0 ON 11 FEBRUARY 84. THE GROSS HEMATURIA RESOLVED AFTER THE SECOND DAY AS WELL AS THE FULLNESS IN THE LEFT HYPOCHONDRIC AREA. REPEAT CXR ON 11 FEBRUARY 84 REVEALED POSSIBLE EFFUSIONS BILATERALLY. JAUNDICE GRADUALLY DEVELOPED OVER THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF HOSPITALIZATION AND PERSISTED.

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(3) AVAILABLE LABORATORY DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EO 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: HOPS, TM, CB
SUBJECT: CBW SAMPLES TN-840211-1M2/2MS AND

FROM [REDACTED] A 33 YEAR OLD MALE RESISTANCE FIGHTER WHO WAS NOT EXPOSED TO CHEMICAL ON 8 FEBRUARY. THE SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED BY THE SAME PHYSICIAN AT ODOM REFUGEE CAMP (TA9882) AS A CONTROL SAMPLE. BLOOD WAS DRAWN USING A VACUTAINER, SINGLE DRAW, DISPOSABLE SYSTEM. URINE WAS COLLECTED IN A DISPOSABLE URINE SPECIMEN CUP AND TRANSFERRED TO THE TEST TUBE.

B. (U) SYMPTOMOLOGY:

A. MEDICAL EVALUATION OF [REDACTED] WAS PERFORMED BY THE CBW TEAM PHYSICIAN. [REDACTED] WAS THE ONLY ONE OF FOUR FIGHTERS TRIAGED AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST'S WORLD SERVICE (SAWS) CAMP HOSPITAL THAT WAS SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE MEDICAL EVACUATION TO THE ICRC'S SURGICAL HOSPITAL. THE OTHER THREE FIGHTERS TRIAGED AT THE SAWS CAMP HOSPITAL WERE RELEASED AFTER EVALUATION BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THE DETAILS OF THEIR SYMPTOMS ARE UNKNOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE REMAINING FOURTEEN (14) FIGHTERS REPORTEDLY EXPOSED WERE NOT MEDICALLY EVALUATED AS FAR AS WE COULD ASCERTAIN.

(1) THE CHIEF COMPLAINT OF [REDACTED] ON ARRIVAL AT ICRC'S HOSPITAL WAS DIZZINESS, NAUSEA, AND VOMITING BLOOD AFTER BEING HIT BY DEBRI FROM A "GRENADE" EXPLOSION AROUND 1300 HOURS ON THE DAY OF ADMISSION,

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