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O 131054Z NOV 81

SAMPLES FROM LAO REFUGEE. DETAILS REPORTED
SEPTILE.

B. AS EXTRA PRECAUTION WE ARE DOUBLE SEALING SAMPLE
BAG IN PLASTIC, INSIDE POUCH

DEAM
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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6166

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EO 12065; GDS 11/13/87 [REDACTED] DR-M
TAGS: PARM, SHUM, SREF, PORG, MOPS, VM, CB
SUBJ: YELLOW POWDER SAMPLE FROM ALLEGED
-- NOVEMBER 10 GAS ATTACK IN KAMPUCHEA

REF: A. BANGKOK 49064 (NOTAL)

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. EMBASSY CONTACTS PASSED US A PACKAGE ALLEGEDLY CON-
TAINING "POISON POWDER" SPREAD IN AREAS OF WESTERN
KAMPUCHIA NOVEMBER 10. SUBSTANCE REPORTEDLY CAUSED
VOMITING OF BLOOD AND DEATH AMONG VICTIMS. THE
SAMPLE AND ACCOMPANYING DESCRIPTION OF ITS CONTENTS
AND ORIGIN WERE GIVEN TO OUR CONTACTS BY THE DK
ESCAP REP IN BANGKOK, NOVEMBER 12.

3. TEXT OF NOTE IN ENGLISH WRITTEN BY ESCAP REP
FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:
1) THIS POISON POWDER WAS SPREAD FROM THE AIRPLANE
AT A HIGH ALTITUDE OVER UPPER KOH KONG (KOH KONG
LOEU) AND OVER WESTERN LEACH (SEE THE PLACES ON
THE MAP HEREWITH). AFTER EXPOSING WITH IT THE
VICTIMS VOMITED OF BLOOD AND A NUMBER OF THEM DIED.
2) THE AIRPLANE(S ?) SPREAD THIS POISON POWDER ON
10 NOVEMBER 81. 3) THIS POWDER WAS ATTACHED TO THE
LEAVES OF TREE. END QUOTE.

4. THE DK ESCAP REP ALSO PROVIDED TO OUR SOURCES
A MAP OF KAMPUCHEA WHICH CLAIMED TO IDENTIFY TWO
ATTACK SITES: ONE AT APPROXIMATELY (TU666) AND A
SECOND AT (TU7003). IT IS UNCLEAR AT WHICH
SITE THE SAMPLE WAS ALLEGEDLY GATHERED. THE DK
REP INDICATED TO OUR CONTACTS THAT THE SAMPLE SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO THE U.S. EMBASSY. THE TWO CONTACTS,

[REDACTED] HAD
EARLIER ASSISTED IN OBTAINING BLOOD SAMPLES FROM
KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS (REFTEL). THEY BROUGHT THE
SAMPLE DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY. THE SAMPLE IS
CONTAINED IN A MYLAR FOIL BAG, APPARENTLY ONE
OF A NUMBER PROVIDED EARLIER BY EMBASSY

[REDACTED] FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG
KHMER ALONG THE BORDER FOR COLLECTION OF "POISON
GAS" EVIDENCE (REFTEL). THE BAG APPEARS TO CONTAIN
AN 8 CM HIGH BOTTLE (WE HAVE NOT OPENED THE BAG.)
IT ALSO CONTAINS A STICK-LIKE OBJECT AND A SMALLER
HARD OBJECT (POSSIBLY USED TO COLLECT THE SAMPLE).

5. WE ARE POUCHING THE SAMPLE AND MAP VIA PAN AN
FLIGHT 001 -- DEPARTING BANGKOK AT 0035, NOVEMBER
15 -- AND ARRIVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AT 2025,
NOVEMBER 15. SAMPLE IS IN DIPLOMATIC POUCH
NUMBER A-486-KR-1898. IT WILL ACCOMPANY BLOOD

ACTION (U.P.6.7.8)
INFO NMIC(1) SWS(1) DC-4B(1) AT-X(1)
DIO(1) VP-A2 FRD(1) DE(1) DB-2(1) DB-2C(1) DB-4A(1)
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