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SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEAN PRESS RELEASE RE ALLEGED
VIETNAMESE USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS

REF: USUN 4420

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE MISSION OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, THE UN HAS CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT (4/34/651 -- S/13607 DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1979) A PRESS RELEASE OF NOVEMBER 3 ISSUED BY THE "MINISTRY OF INFORMATION" OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA CONCERNING THE FURTHER USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF KAMPUCHEA. EXTRACTS FOLLOW. BEGIN TEXT:

ON 20 OCTOBER 1979 VIETNAMESE MIG AIRCRAFT SPRAYED TOXIC CHEMICALS OVER THE DISTRICTS OF CHOUK AND KOH SLA IN KAMPOT

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* PROVINCE, THE DISTRICTS OF PHNOM SRUOCH AND KONG PISEI IN THE PROVINCE OF KAMPONG SPEU, AND THE DISTRICT OF TRAM KAK IN THE PROVINCE OF TAKEO, KILLING THREE PEOPLE AND POISONING 12 MORE. THE CHEMICAL USED INDUCES HIGH TEMPERATURE, SWELLING OF THE FACE AND LIPS AND THE WHOLE BODY, VOMITING OF BLOOD, AND DEATH.

THE VIETNAMESE AGGRESSORS HAVE USED TOXIC CHEMICALS AND POISONS MANY TIMES IN THEIR DRIVE TO EXTERMINATE THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA: ON MOUNT REACH TORNG TO THE NORTH OF KIRIROM IN THE PROVINCE OF KAMPONG SPEU, AT ANDAUNG TOEK AND THMAR BAING IN THE PROVINCE OF KOH KONG, IN THE REGION OF PAILIN-POIPET AND ON THE STRETCH OF ROUTE 10 BETWEEN PANG ROLIM AND PAILIN, WHERE 31 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND MANY OTHERS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE, WERE AFFECTED BY THE CHEMICALS. END TEXT

2. PRESS RELEASE GOES ON TO ACCUSE THE VIETNAMESE OF "TAKING THEIR REVENGE ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS BY SPRAYING TOXIC CHEMICALS IN AREAS INACCESSIBLE TO THEM" WITH THE AIM OF LIQUIDATING THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE. IN CONCLUSION, THE PRESS RELEASE CALLS ON THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO "TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS" TO PREVENT THE EXTERMINATION OF THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE AND TO COMPEL THE VIETNAMESE FORCES TO WITHDRAW.
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