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TAGS: PARM, UK, CW

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/REG
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 RELEASE DECLASSIFY
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 DEFY Non-responsive info.
FOI, EO or PA exemptions (X)(1)
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 CLASSIFY as _____, OADR
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SUBJECT: CW USE - EFF FECES SURFACES IN BRITISH
- PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE
REF: LONDON 7607 (121832Z APR 88)
1. (U) IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON MAY 12, LABOR PARTY
M.P. LEO ABSE ACCUSED THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF
SUPPRESSING THE RESULTS OF OFFICIAL RESEARCH THAT HAD
FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA. ABSE CLAIMED THE MOD COVER-UP OF THE FINDINGS OF
THE CHEMICAL DEFENCE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT AT PORTON
DOWN WAS PART OF HMG'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT A U.S. CW
BUILD-UP. ABSE SAID THAT THE "YELLOW RAIN" ATTACKS
REPORTED BY THE U.S. WERE, IN FACT, NOTHING MORE THAN
EFF FECES (AS ARGUED BY HARVARD PROFESSOR MESELSON).

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