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SUBJECT: NEW POISON GAS, SAMPLE FROM LAOS

REF: BANGKOK 2321

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. WE AGREE THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO INVOLVE OTHER COUNTRIES IN ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES. THE QUESTION OF DIVIDING A SAMPLE, HOWEVER, POSES PROBLEMS OF BOTH SAFETY AND SAMPLE SIZE.

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3. RATHER THAN TRYING TO DIVIDE SAMPLE (DISCUSSED

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REFTEL) IN THAILAND, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE TURNED OVER WHOLE TO UK OR CANADIAN EMOFF WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT U.S. CUSTODY OF THE SAMPLE AT ANY POINT. U.S. REPS. HOWEVER, SHOULD SEEK TO ENSURE DETAILED DOCUMENTATION AND PROVIDE ADVICE ON PROPER HANDLING.

4. WE WOULD ASK RECIPIENT TO PROVIDE US WITH A PORTION OF THE SAMPLE IF EXAMINATION IN THE RECIPIENT'S LABORATORY SHOWS THAT IT IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE. USG WOULD ALSO WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO SEND EXPERTS TO OBSERVE THE ANALYSIS; IF REQUESTED WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE

NECESSARY STANDARD COMPOUNDS AND ADVISE ON DETAILED LABORATORY PROCEDURES.
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