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SUBJ: NEW BLOOD SAMPLES FROM ALLEGED KHMER CBW  
VICTIMS AND POSSIBLE LAO CBW SAMPLE POUCHED TO WASHINGTON

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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. DIPLOMATIC POUCH NO. KR-5711, ARRIVING ON PANAM  
FLIGHT NO. 67 AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL, 1727 HOURS  
MARCH 4, CONTAINS 12 TUBES OF WHOLE BLOOD (6  
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HEPARINIZED, 6 NON-HEPARINIZED) AND A RESIDUE  
SAMPLE FROM LAOS (PARA 7 BELOW). THE BLOOD WAS

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DRAWN FROM 6 KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS AT 1600 HOURS  
MARCH 3 AT NONG PRU BY [REDACTED] AND  
HAS BEEN KEPT CHILLED (NOT FROZEN) SINCE DRAWN.  
THE SIX PATIENTS WERE PART OF A GROUP OF 17 KHMER  
ROUGE SOLDIERS NOW AT THE NONG PRU HOSPITAL, ALL OF  
WHOM CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO VIETNAMESE-  
EMPLOYED CBW ON FEBRUARY 13. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT  
FOLLOWS PARAS 3 TO 6. MEDICAL HISTORIES OF THE  
INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

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3. ACCORDING TO KHMER ROUGE SOURCES, KHMER ROUGE  
AND PAVN FORCES ENGAGED IN AN EXTENDED FIREFIGHT  
ON FEBRUARY 12 IN AN AREA NORTH OF KHAO DIN AND  
APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS FROM THE THAI-KAMPUCHEA  
BORDER. ON FEBRUARY 13, PAVN FORCES ATTEMPTED TO  
RETRIEVE THEIR DEAD FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY.  
APPROXIMATELY 100 KHMER ROUGE WERE DEFENDING ALONG  
A TWO AND ONE-HALF KILOMETER STRETCH OF ROAD WHICH  
RUNS PARALLEL TO THE BORDER. AT ABOUT 1800 HOURS  
PAVN LAUNCHED AN ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT. AT LEAST  
ONE SHELL WAS A CBW ROUND WHICH IMPACTED TO THE  
WEST OF THE ROAD.

4. THE APPROXIMATELY 100 KHMER ROUGE DEFENDERS  
ALLEGEDLY WERE ALL MADE ILL BY THE CBW AGENT. ALLEGED  
VICTIMS FIRST NOTED A PERFUME-DDT SMELL AND THEN  
REPORTEDLY SUFFERED THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:  
BURNING EYES; DISTORTED VISION; AND SHORTNESS OF  
BREATH AND PAINS IN THE CHEST. ONE VICTIM SAID  
HE RAN FROM THE SCENE FOR ABOUT ONE HALF A  
KILOMETER AND THEN FELL UNCONSCIOUS. VICTIMS RE-  
PORTED VOMITING (NO BLOOD) AND DIZZINESS. THE  
ALLEGED VICTIMS INTERVIEWED COMPLAINED THAT THEY  
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FELT WEAK. SEVERAL COMPLAINED OF "TREMBLING".  
[REDACTED] AFTER BRIEF PHYSICAL EXAM, COMMENTED  
THAT THE SIX APPEARED TO BE IN SIMILAR PHYSICAL  
CONDITION TO THOSE KHMER FROM WHOM HE DREW BLOOD  
IN OCTOBER (REFTEL). THE SEVENTEEN KHMER ARE STILL  
AT THE HOSPITAL APPARENTLY RECOVERING, WHILE THE  
OTHER KHMER AFFECTED BY THE ATTACK WERE SAID TO  
HAVE EARLIER RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO RETURN TO DUTY  
5. THE KHMER ROUGE MEDICAL DOCTOR AT NONG PRU  
SAID THAT THE 17 PATIENTS AT THE NONG PRU  
HOSPITAL HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEDICATION:  
IV INFUSION (NFI), STEROIDS, PENICILLIN,

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NIKETHAMID, HYDROCORTISONE, A BROAD SPECTRUM OF VITAMINS AND ATROPINE. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF ANY OF THESE MEDICATIONS ARE STILL BEING GIVEN TO THE SIX FROM WHOM BLOOD WAS DRAWN.

6. TUBES OF BLOOD BEING POUCHED ARE NUMBERED ONE THROUGH SIX, EACH CORRESPONDING TO AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT; NAMES OF PATIENTS FOLLOW;

[REDACTED]

THERE WAS

INSUFFICIENT TIME TO DRAW CONTROL SAMPLES ON THE REST OF THE 17 PATIENTS. A KHMER ROUGE DRAWN SAMPLE FROM [REDACTED] (NO. 1) WAS ONE OF TWO POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 25 (REF A).

7. THE ALLEGED RESIDUE SAMPLE FROM LAOS (INCLUDED IN THE SAME POUCH) WAS PROVIDED TO AARMA ON MARCH 3 BY A THAI NATIONAL, WHO IN TURN HAD BEEN GIVEN THE SAMPLE BY A LAO ACQUAINTANCE IN THE LAO RESISTANCE. SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE ATTACK HAD TAKEN PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF FEBRUARY AT WD2814. THE CHEMICAL

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WAS DROPPED FROM A SMALL AIRCRAFT (NFI). FROM A DISTANCE, THE SUBSTANCE APPEARED TO BE A DEEP YELLOW IN COLOR. IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE SPRAY, IT WAS VIRTUALLY COLORLESS. THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE ATTACK. ALL DIED, ALL WERE WITH A LAO RESISTANCE TEAM. ON THE FIRST DAY THOSE WHO WERE TO DIE BECAME FEVERISH: ON THE SECOND THEY STARTED TO VOMIT, OFTEN BLOOD AND ON THE THIRD DAY THEY ALL DIED. CATTLE ALLEGEDLY DIED BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK.

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