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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF MESSAGE CENTER

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SEVERE BACK PAIN AND JOINT PAINS. SHE DID NOT HAVE ANY DIARRHOEA OR PAIN ON URINATION. IT TOOK ONE MONTH TO FEEL WELL BUT SHE STILL HAS PAINFUL JOINTS AND A COUGH WHICH SHE BELIEVES ARE THE RESULTS OF THE GAS.

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

-- THE BABY WAS NOT BADLY AFFECTED BUT HAD A COUGH AND PAINFUL IRRITATION OF THE SKIN WITH A RASH WHICH CAUSED BLISTERS.

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-- [REDACTED] ALSO HAD SEVERE CHEST PAIN AND A COUGH AND VOMITING. HE HAD DIARRHOEA WITH BLOOD. HIS EYES WERE SORE AND THE EYES WERE RED AND PAINFUL. HE WAS DEAF FOR A WHILE AND HAD A SKIN RASH.

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END TEXT.
3. WHILE THE TIME LAPSE BETWEEN EXPOSURE AND DRAWING OF BLOOD IS CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN THAT OF RECENT KHMER BLOOD SAMPLES, THE PERSISTENCE OF SYMPTOMS AMONG THESE HMONG AND RARITY OF HMONG WITH VERY RECENT EXPOSURE TO CBW AMONG HMONG REFUGEES PERSUADED US TO TRANSMIT THESE SAMPLES. WE WILL CABLE FULLER DESCRIPTION OF NOVEMBER 11 AND JANUARY 4 INCIDENTS AND SYMPTOMS AND CURRENT MEDICATION BLOOD DONORS ARE RECEIVING MARCH 29. WE WILL ALSO SEND CONTROL SAMPLES SHORTLY.

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E.O. 12065: W/A
TAGS: SHUM, PARK, SREF, PORG, LA, VM, UR
SUBJ: CBW: TRANSMITTAL OF HMONG BLOOD SAMPLES

1. DIPLOMATIC POUCH NUMBER 63-742 CARRIES FOUR TUBES OF BLOOD (TWO HEPARINIZED AND TWO CLOTTED) DRAWN FROM HMONG REFUGEES ON MARCH 21 AND KEPT CHILLED SINCE DRAWN. THE POUCH WILL ARRIVE AT DULLES AT 1730 HOURS MARCH 25 VIA PAN AM 107. IT WILL BE CARRIED IN CREW CHILLER IN FLIGHT. THE HMONG WHO PROVIDED THE BLOOD, [REDACTED] (MALE, AGE 20) AND HIS WIFE [REDACTED] (AGE 18), WERE SUBJECTED TO CBW ATTACKS ON NOVEMBER 11 AND JANUARY 4. BOTH COMPLAINED OF CONTINUING ILLNESS AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY 4 ATTACK. THEIR SIX MONTH OLD BABY, FROM WHOM BLOOD WAS NOT DRAWN, IS ALSO ILL.

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE TEXT OF AN ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENTS AND SYMPTOMS RESULTING AS COMPILED BY A MEDICAL PHYSICIAN WORKING AT BAN VI NAY CAMP. BEGIN TEXT:

-- THIS FAMILY WAS GASSSED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS.
-- 11 NOVEMBER 1981. AEROPLANE - FIVE ENGINES (SIC) - FLEW VERY HIGH. 30 MINUTES LATER HE NOTICED YELLOW GAS ON THE GROUND AND ON THE LEAVES OF THE TREES. THE GAS AFFECTED HIS WIFE MORE THAN THE BABY OR HIMSELF. SHE DESCRIBES THAT TWO DAYS LATER THE GAS CAUSED HER TO HAVE A COUGH WITH YELLOW SPUTUM AND DIARRHOEA WITH BLOOD FOR FIVE DAYS. NOBODY DIED IN THE VILLAGE AND THE ANIMALS WERE NOT AFFECTED BUT THE PLANTS AND THE CROPS DIED.

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-- 4 JANUARY 1982. HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE AEROPLANE BECAUSE IT FLEW VERY HIGH. THEY SAW THE GAS FALLING FROM THE PLANE AND THE COLOUR WAS GREEN. HIS WIFE WAS MORE ILL THAN HIM OR HIS BABY.

-- SHE DEVELOPED CHEST PAIN AND COUGH WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE GAS FALLING. SHE COUGHED UP BLOOD. HER VISION WAS BLURRED AND THE EYES BECAME VERY LARGE AND SHE COULD NOT SHUT THEM. SHE HAD

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