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DAMI-FIT FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJ: TECH ESCORT SUPPORT (U)

REF: FONECON [REDACTED]

SARTE-OP, 24

MAR 82, SAB

1. ~~(S)~~ REF REQUESTED TECH ESCORT SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT OF HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES (BLOOD) AND VEGETATION SAMPLES RELATING TO ALLEGED TOXIC AGENT ATTACKS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THIS MSG IS THE FOLLOW-UP, HARDCOPY REQUEST.

2. ~~(S)~~ REQUEST MOVEMENT OF SAMPLES TAKE PLACE ON 30 MAR 82 USING AVIATION ASSETS AVAILABLE TO YOUR UNIT. SAMPLES ARE TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM FORT DETRICK, MD TO WINGS FIELD, BLUE BELL, PA (APPROX. 2 AIR MILES DUE EAST OF NORRISTOWN, PA AND 18 AIR MILES DUE NORTH OF PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT). TRANSFER OF SAMPLES IS TO OCCUR AT WINGS FIELD AT 1700 HOURS EST. THE SAMPLES AND ANY ACCOMPANYING

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DOCUMENTATION ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED.

3. ~~(S)~~ IN ORDER TO AVOID DEGRADATION OF THE BIOMEDICAL SAMPLES, IT IS REQUIRED THAT THEY BE CHILLED (NOT FROZEN) DURING TRANSPORT. THE VEGETATION SAMPLES MUST REMAIN DRY AND UNCHILLED. AS A RESULT, TWO CONTAINERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE TRANSPORT OF THESE SAMPLES. SAMPLES WILL BE DELIVERED TO A CIVILIAN TOXICOLOGIST UNDER CONTRACT TO THIS AGENCY FOR ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE TOXIC AGENT OF USE. THE HAZARD INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTAL HUMAN EXPOSURE TO THESE SAMPLES IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE, QUICK-ACTING, SKIN DECONTAMINANT FOR SUSPECT AGENTS. THOROUGH WASHING WITH SOAP AND WATER IS THE ONLY METHOD CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED AS THE METHOD FOR SKIN DECON. AREA AND EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINANT IS 2.5 PERCENT SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE. IT MUST BE LEFT IN CONTACT WITH CONTAMINATING AGENT FOR A MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS AND UP TO 16 HOURS FOR ASSURED DETOXIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE. SOLUTION POTENCY MUST BE VALIDATED PERIODICALLY TO INSURE EFFECTIVENESS.

4. (U) SHOULD AVIATION ASSETS NOT BE AVAILABLE, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT AN UNMARKED, OFFICIAL VEHICAL BE USED FOR TRANSPORT AND THAT ESCORT PERSONNEL BE ATTIRED IN CASUAL CIVILIAN CLOTHES. TIME AND PLACE OF TRANSFER, SHOULD THIS CONTINGENCY OCCUR, WILL REMAIN THE

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SAME.

5. (U) [REDACTED] FOREIGN MEDICAL MATERIEL PROGRAM OFFICER, WILL REPRESENT USAMIIA WITH CONTRACTOR AND ACCOMPANY ESCORT PERSONNEL ON THIS TRIP. [REDACTED]

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