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LONDON FOR CROCKER (CBM BRIEFING TEAM); SINGAPORE  
PLEASE PASS DAS O'DONOHUE

E.O. 12065: GDS 3/26/88 (DEAN, JOHN GUNTHER) OR-M  
TAGS: PARM, PORG, SHUM, SOPM, SREF, VM, CB, TH  
SUBJ: CBM ATTACK AT SOKH SAN, MARCH 7-11

REF: (A) STATE 078638, (B) BANGKOK 16051,  
(C) BANGKOK 17610

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)  
2. BECAUSE OF THE MILITARY ACTION SINCE  
MARCH 15 IN THE SOKH SAN AREA, LITTLE NEW  
INFORMATION HAS COME TO HAND ON ALLEGATIONS  
OF CBM ATTACKS THERE MARCH 7 TO 11. WE  
HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY FATALITIES ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE CBM ATTACKS, NOR DO WE KNOW  
ANYTHING ADDITIONAL ABOUT THE CONDITION OF  
WHO APPARENTLY DEVELOPED  
SKIN IRRITATION FOLLOWING HIS COLLECTION  
OF A CBM SAMPLE WITH HIS BARE HANDS. THE  
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PERSON WHO COLLECTED SAMPLES DEVELOPED SMELLING OF THE ARMS, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING REGARDING HIS CURRENT CONDITION OR LOCATION. RECONTACTED REGARDING THE INCIDENT, SAWS AND MONACO MEDICAL TEAMS SAID THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASED FLOW OF PATIENTS COMPLAINING OF VOMITING AND DIARRHEA TO THE HOSPITALS AT SOKH SAN (THESE REPORTS WERE PASSED TO SAWS AND MONACO BY THEIR KHMER STAFFS WHO WERE OPERATING THE HOSPITALS ON THEIR OWN AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT), BUT NOT SUFFICIENT TO SUGGEST CAMP-WIDE MALADIES.

3. PER REF C, EMBASSY RECEIVED AND POUCHED TO WASHINGTON ONE RESIDUE SAMPLE. THE CANADIANS RECEIVED ONE SAMPLE WHICH WAS SENT TO OTTAWA. A THIRD SAMPLE, DECLINED BY THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WOUND UP WITH THE CANADIANS AND WAS PASSED BY THEM TO THE THAI.

4. THE KPNLF BROUGHT ONE RESIDENT OF SOKH SAN TO THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL IN BANGKOK FOR EXAMINATION FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT OF A SKIN CONDITION THAT INCLUDED ITCHING AND PEELING. DR. AMOS TOWNSEND SAW THE PATIENT BRIEFLY AND CONCLUDED, ALONG WITH THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, THAT THE PATIENT WAS SUFFERING FROM AN ILLNESS UNRELATED TO THE CBW ATTACK.

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