



Department of State

25

UNCLASSIFIED

AR: D820181-0314

F0025

R

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STOCKH 01286 261419Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-09 ADS-00 INR-10 PR-09 INAE-00 7001 0
-----395555 251506Z /45
O 241231Z MAR 88
FM AMEMB, SOT STOCKHOLM
TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

UNCLAS STOCKHOLM 1286

REVIEWED by RAW DATE 11/3/88

USICA

- RELEASE () DECLASSIFY
- EXCISE () DECLASSIFY in PART
- DENY () Non-responsive info.

USINFO FOR PGM/AC, WGA, NEWS/CA

FOL, EO or PA exemptions _____

SECSTATE FOR EUR

- () CLASSIFY as _____, OADR
- () DOWNGRADE TS to () S or () C, OADR

INFO: 12000: N/A
SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION - YELLOW RAIN

1. STOCKHOLM DAILY "HARNS NYNETER" (INDEPENDENT) MARCH 26
 CARRIED EDITORIAL, BY EDITORIAL WRITER PER JONSSON, HEADLINED:
 "YELLOW RAIN AND DIRT IN THE EYES", SAYING:
 "...SUFFICIENT CERTAINTY CAN NEVER BE REACHED WITHOUT GIVING
 UNCHALLENGEABLE RESEARCHERS FREE HANDS, AND MAYBE NOT EVEN
 THEN. BUT THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE U.S. HAS A DESIGN THAT
 CERTAINLY IMPLIES THAT NO AVAILABLE SOURCES OR TEST METHODS
 HAVE BEEN LEFT UNTAIED...THE STRANGE, EVASIVE WAY THAT THE
 SOVIET AUTHORITIES DEFEND THEMSELVES IS HOWEVER BORING...IF
 WASHINGTON POSED THESE SEVER ACCUSATIONS ON MOSCOW WITHOUT
 TENABLE EVIDENCE, THEY TAKE THE RISK OF BAD DOMESTIC EFFECTS.
 BUT THE POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT THE REAGAN
 ADMINISTRATION IS PLAYING A HAZARDOUS GAME WITH WORLD OPINION.
 THE WHITEHOUSE INITIATIVE IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR TO,
 AFTER A 12-YEAR HALT, START PRODUCING A NEW GENERATION
 OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS DID NOT CAUSE ANY ENTHUSIASM IN CONGRESS.
 NEITHER DID THE WEST EUROPEANS WELCOME THE SUGGESTION. HERE,
 UNCLASSIFIED
 UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STOCKH 01286 261419Z

AS IN OTHER AREAS, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD TROUBLE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

GETTING A RESPONSE FOR ITS VIEW THAT INCREASED SECURITY AND SOVIET COMPLIANCE IN REGARDS T DISARMAMENT, CAN BE REACHED ONLY THROUGH ACCELERATED WESTERN ARMAMENTS ALS IN THIS REGARD, IT ~~IS~~ ~~CONTINUOUSLY~~ ~~DECLARED~~ ~~THAT~~ ~~THE~~ ~~WESTERN~~ ~~WILLINGNESS~~ ~~TO~~ ~~ARM~~ WILL INCREASE, THE MORE UNRELIABLE AND EVIL THE SOVIETS ARE DEPICTED. THERE IS HERCE A RISK THAT THE WHITE HOUSE ACCUSATIONS ABOUT THE "YELLOW RAIN" IN YNOCHINA ALSO BECAME A WAY OF THROWING DUST IN THE EYES OF COUNTRYMEN AND ALLIES."

2. FYI: JONSSON HAS RECEIVED ALL WF MATERIALS ON "YELLOW RAIN" DISTRIBUTED AS OF THIS DATE.

FRY

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED