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SUBJECT: IR 6 895 0083 82/THAILAND/LAOS/VIETNAM/USSR/  
CBW AT NONG KHAI (U)

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- (U) COUNTRY THAILAND (TH)/LAOS (LA)/VIETNAM (VM)/USSR (UR)
- (U) IR NO. 6 895 0083 82
- (U) TITLE: CBW AT NONG KHAI (U)
- (U) DATE OF INFO: 820327
- (U) ORIGINATOR: SEE FM LINE
- (U) REQ REFS: U-UPH-21285/A-FSC-49609

8 ~~(U)~~ SUMMARY [REDACTED] DREW BLOOD FROM A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF NINE (9) TRIBES PEOPLE DURING A 24-26 MAR TRIP TO NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP. FOR SIMPLICITY SAKE, [REDACTED] HAS DIVIDED THE GROUP INTO THREE GROUPS. GROUP A IS REPRESENTED BY FOUR (4) H'MONG LED BY [REDACTED] A FORMER LT UNDER YANG PAO. THIS GROUP HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN GASED 3.6 AND 11 JAN 82. (GROUP STATED A FOURTH ATTACK OCCURRED ON 18 JAN 82 BUT THE AIRCRAFT MISSED). GROUP B IS ALSO REPRESENTED BY FOUR (4) H'MONG. THIS GROUP CLAIMS HAVING BEEN ATTACKED 15 FEB 82. THE LEADER OF THIS GROUP WAS ONE [REDACTED] REPORTS ADDITIONALLY BEING EXPOSED BY AN ALLEGED CBW ATTACK ON 15 DEC 81. GROUP C IS REPRESENTED BY ONLY ONE PERSON A 15 YEAR OLD BOY NAMED [REDACTED] WHO WAS ONE OF THREE BOYS WHO CLAIMED HAVING DRUNK WATER WHICH HAD BEEN CONTAMINATED BY A SUBSTANCE RELEASED BY AN AIRPLANE ON A SPRAYING MISSION TWICE IN LATE 1980. [REDACTED] REPORTED, AMONG OTHER SYSPOTMS, JAUNDICE.

9A ~~(U)~~ DETAILS: THE GENERAL SET OF SYMPTOMS DESCRIBED BY GROUP A CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING IN MOST OF THEIR PEOPLE AFTER ONE OR MORE OF THE FIRST THREE EPISODES: HEADACHE, NAUSEA-VOMITING-DIARRHEA OFTEN WITH BLOOD WEAKNESS, VERTIGO, "DRUM" SENSATIONS ATAXIA WITH FREQUENT FALLING AND VISUAL DISTURBANCE PARTICULARLY OF DISTANT VISION. EIGHT MEN WEAKENED BY THE FIRST ROCKET ON 3 JAN DIED TRYING TO MAN AN AMBUSH WHILE STILL SYMPTOMATIC. THIRTYSIX MORE PEOPLE DIED WITHIN 2-5 DAYS OF EXPOSURE AFTER THE 2ND AND 3RD ROCKETS ON THE 11TH AND 16TH OF JAN. THE ORIGINAL POPULATION OF GROUP A WAS 154 PEOPLE OF BOTH SEXES AND MANY AGES. A 4TH ROCKET MISSED THEM ON THE 12TH OF JAN AND BY THE 23RD THEY DECIDED TO SPLIT INTO THREE SMALLER GROUPS TO FORAGE FOR FOOD FOR THEY WERE OUT OF BOTH FOOD AND AMMUNITION. [REDACTED] BROUGHT 28 TO THE MEKONG RIVER AND LOST ONLY TWO ON THE WAY OVER TO BUNG KAN. GROUP A HAD NO ANIMALS AND WERE ON THE MOVE SO MUCH WITH A LARGE FORCE OF VIETNAMESE AFTER THEM THAT THEY HAD NO CHANCE TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF THE CW AGENT ON THE PLANTS. IT IS NOTWORTHY THAT THE VIETNAMESE DID ATTACK ON THE GROUND. JUST FOUR HOURS AFTER THE FIRST ROCKET WAS FIRED AND, ALTHOUGH SEE WITH SOMEWHAT DIMMED VISION FROM A DISTANCE OF 30-50 YDS, THE VIETNAMESE WERE NOT NOTED TO HAVE SPECIAL PROTECTIVE GEAR OR NO MASKS WERE SEEN.

[REDACTED] GROUP B REPORTED SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF FEVER HEADACHE, NAUSEA, VOMITING-SOME DIARRHEA WITHOUT BLOOD, DOUBLE VISION, COUGHING-CHEST PAIN, POOR HEARING, EYES IRRITATED WITH TEARING, FATIGUE AND JAUNDICE IN SOME REPORTEDLY SEVERAL VILLAGES WERE HIT AND COLLECTIVELY THEY LOST 85-100 PEOPLE BETWEEN THE TWO ATTACKS. [REDACTED] THE LEADER OF GROUP B, WAS ALSO A REPORTER OF STATISTICS FOR SEVERAL VILLAGES AND WAS THUS PART OF A HONG INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CONTINUED TO EXIST EVEN

EVEN THROUGH NIC AND OTHER NEARBY VILLAGES WERE VISITED ALMOST WEEKLY BY PAVA. GROUP E NOTED MOST OF THE CHICKENS AND HALF OF THE PIGS DIED IN DEC AS DID THE PUMPKINS, RICE AND TAPIOKA AS A RESULT OF THE FIRST ATTACK. THE BT

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(NOTE: LAST THREE INDIVIDUALS LISTED WERE CONTROL SAMPLES).  
THE VIETNAMESE/AM BOY LOOKED AND ACTED LIKE A 15/16  
YR OLD IN COMPARISON TO THE VERY DIMINUTIVE HMONG BOYS.  
SKIN PROBLEMS AND INTENTIONAL PARASITISM IS COMMON  
AMONG THE HMONG. MORE MALARIA MAY BE FOUND IN THE  
BLOOD SAMPLES SENT TO THE STATES. THE LAB AND STAFF  
OF THE HMONG KNAM IS NEITHER STRONG NOR DEEP  
GR. (U) ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS: CABLE PERTAINING TO CW  
SAMPLES FORWARDED TO DC 25MRB ON PAN AM# 10:  
10 (U) PROJECT NO. N/A  
11 (U) COLL MGMT CODES. NONE  
12 (U) SPEC INSTR. CIRC NO.  
13 (U) [REDACTED]  
14 (U) [REDACTED]  
15 (U) RCV EVAL. NO RELEASE TO NONE  
16 (U) ENCL. NONE  
17 (U) DISTR BY ORIG. NA

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GROUP B LEADER WAS THE ONLY ONE OF HIS GROUP TO HAVE  
HAD SYMPTOMS IN DEC AS WELL AS IN FEB 82. HE LEFT  
WITH HIS GROUP OF 33 26 WENT TO WORK. THE OTHER  
AFTER AN 8 DAY TRIP THE LEADER BELIEVES THAT HE  
VISITED THE VILLAGE ROUTE TO PICK UP GROUP HMONG  
"FOR TRAINING" AND FOR FOOD. [REDACTED] LEFT WHEN HE  
WAS INFORMED THAT THE VIETNAMESE KNEW THAT HE WAS A  
PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE HMONG RESISTANCE. HE  
MENTIONED THAT IN ALMOST ALL CASES THE YOUNG RECOVERED  
QUICKER THAN THE ELDERLY AND THAT A VISITING VIETNAMESE  
MILITARY DOCTOR HAD DECLINED TO TREAT ANY OF THE AFFECTED  
HMONG SAYING THAT THE CW AGENTS WERE OF AMERICAN ORIGIN  
AND ONLY THE AMERICANS KNEW HOW TO TREAT THE SYMPTOMS.

GROUP C CONSISTED ONLY OF [REDACTED]  
WHOSE SYMPTOMS IN 1980 COULD HAVE BEEN DUE TO PIGEON  
ENTITIES AS WELL AS CW AGENTS. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT FOX  
ANIMALS SEEMED AFFECTED ALTHOUGH THE NEED AND LEAVES  
OF TREES WERE. THE BOYS (10-15) SPOKE OF SOME SORT OF  
DELAY OF SEVERAL WEEKS BETWEEN EXPOSURE AND SYMPTOMS IN  
THE HUMANS. IF ANYTHING THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DEFOLIANT  
AGENT. MEMBERS OF GROUP C CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE SEEN  
OR HEARD OF CW BEING USED UNTIL THEY EXPERIENCED IT.

RECAPITULATION: AS THERE WERE NO UNCONTAMINATED  
HMONG AVAILABLE CONTROL SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FROM TWO (2)  
LAG AND ONE (1) VIETNAMESE. ALL THREE CLAIMED TO HAVE  
BEEN IN GOOD HEALTH, AND NEVER HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO  
CW AGENTS AS FAR AS THEY WERE AWARE.

EXPOSURE

NAME	AGE/SEX	OP	DATE	HCI	WBC	N	L	F	M	B	
[REDACTED]	39	M	A	821118	25.1	6900	48	51	10	1	0
[REDACTED]	49	M	A	810116	40.1	8100	40	70	10	1	0
[REDACTED]	34	M	B	820215	45.1	10500	70	18	3	3	0
[REDACTED]	27	M	B	820215	10.1	9750	50	11	1	2	0
[REDACTED]	15	M	C	1980	40.5	17400	40	36	14	1	0
[REDACTED]	30	F	B	820215	34.1	4850	67	23	7	3	0
[REDACTED]	17	F	A	820118	37.1	6900	61	31	5	2	0
[REDACTED]	10	M	A	820118	20.1	4200	48	50	4	1	0

- (POS FOR FALCIP. MAL.)

ACTION AT: (1,2)  
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