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BEIJING ALSO FOR CBW BRIEFING TEAM

E.O. 12065: RDS-1 04/13/02 (DEAN, JOHN GUNTHER) OR-M
TAGS: PARM, SHUM, PEPR, MILI, LA, VM, UR
SUBJECT: HMONG OFFER EMBASSY THREE ALLEGED CBW SAMPLES

REF: A. CANBERRA 16051 (NOTAL), B. BANGKOK 18227 (NOTAL)

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. [REDACTED] AT BAN VI NAY HMONG REFUGEE
CAMP APRIL 13 PASSED A MESSAGE TO US FROM HMONG CAMP
LEADER VANG NENG THAT HE HAS THREE CBW SAMPLES (RESIDUE)
FROM LAOS OBTAINED FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF LETHAL ATTACKS.
HE REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD RELEASE THE SAMPLES ONLY TO
THE U.S. EMBASSY ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY WOULD BE FREE TO
PASS THEM ON TO OTHERS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, VICTIMS
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ARE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON THE
INCIDENTS OTHER THAN THAT THEY ARE ALLEGEDLY RECENT.

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3. WE NOTIFIED THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OF THE ARRIVAL OF SAMPLES. IT IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT AND RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM CANBERRA TO ACCEPT ONE SAMPLE. THE AUSTRALIANS ALSO APPEAR PREPARED TO SEND ONE OFFICER WITH EMBOFF TO BAN VI NAY TO PICK UP THE SAMPLE AND INTERVIEW VICTIMS.

4. WE LEARNED IN A LATER MESSAGE FROM BAN VI NAY THAT THE THREE SAMPLES ALLEGEDLY ARE OF DIFFERENT TYPES (RED, WHITE AND YELLOW "RAIN"). WE PROPOSE TO OFFER THE AUSTRALIANS THEIR CHOICE, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. (WE INVITE THE VIEWS OF THE CBW BRIEFING TEAM.) WE ALSO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING ONE OTHER SAMPLE TO THE JAPANESE OR SWEDISH EMBASSIES, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO THE UN RESREP.

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5. EXPECT EMBOFF TO DEPART FOR BAN VI NAY EVENING APRIL 14 WITH ARRIVAL FOLLOWING MORNING. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE COB APRIL 14 (LOCAL TIME). DEAN

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