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APRIL 6-11, DURING WHICH IT PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USG'S INVESTIGATION OF CBW IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND AFGHANISTAN TO A WIDE RANGE OF THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO THE LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS CORPS AND TO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN REFUGEE CAMPS ALONG THE LAO AND KHMER BORDERS. THE TEAM ALSO MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND US MISSION OFFICERS, WITH MILITARY ATTACHES AND DIPLOMATS OF FRIENDLY EMBASSIES AND WITH LAO AND KHMER NATIONALIST LEADERS. FOUR TEAM MEMBERS VISITED BAN VI NAY (HMONG) REFUGEE CAMP WHERE TECHNICAL MEMBERS BRIEFED CAMP MEDICAL OFFICERS WHOM THEY FOUND RECEPTIVE AND ANXIOUS TO ASSIST. THE TEAM ALSO ASSISTED IN MOVEMENT OF AN ALLEGED HMONG CBW VICTIM TO A BANGKOK HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT. THE TEAM VISITED THE THAI-KHMER BORDER WHERE SOME MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS REMAIN SKEPTICAL ABOUT CBW USE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE TEAM'S VISIT WAS RELATIVELY HEAVY AND POSITIVE IN TONE ALTHOUGH ONE BRIEFING SESSION WITH THE FOREIGN PRESS CORPS INCLUDED CRITICISM OF THE ADEQUACY OF USG INVESTIGATION EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

**3. EMBASSY BRIEFING:**

UPON ARRIVAL, TEAM MET WITH AMBASSADOR DEAN AND DCM ROY FOR OVER AN HOUR. AMBASSADOR ADVISED TEAM THAT HE HAD BEEN DEFERRING LOCAL INQUIRIES ON CW ISSUES TO AWAIT TEAM'S ARRIVAL AND THAT HE COULD EXPECT  
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CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. (FYI: LOCAL MEDIA PUBLISHED ON CW ISSUES ALMOST EVERY DAY OF OUR STAY.)

**4. DINNER/BRIEFING FOR MILITARY ATTACHES AND THAI MILITARY:**

TEAM BRIEFED FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES AND SENIOR THAI MILITARY OFFICERS AT DINNER HOSTED BY LTC LANE. FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTENDEES REVEALED HIGH LOCAL INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS PROGRAM. THEY STRESSED NEED FOR

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TRAINING THEIR PERSONNEL IN ALL DEFENSIVE ASPECTS OF CM. PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS CAPABILITY TO DETECT AND ANALYZE CM MATERIAL. I

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5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS: I

-- THAI MEDIA: TEAM MEMBERS CELEC AND KIEHL PROVIDED BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR THAI MEDIA WHILE REMAINDER OF TEAM VISITED BAN VI NAY CAMP.

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QUESTIONING REFLECTED DEEP THAI PRESS INTEREST AND FAMILIARITY REGARDING CM USE IN LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA AS WELL AS MOTIVATIONS FOR CM USE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MEDIA APPEARS INFORMED AND LARGELY SYMPATHETIC TO EVIDENCE BUT SOME SKEPTICISM WAS DISPLAYED REGARDING US MOTIVATIONS FOR PRESENTING THE ISSUE. LOCAL MEDIA ALSO SEEMED PUZZLED BY LACK OF WORLD-WIDE INTEREST IN THE ISSUE.

-- FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB OF THAILAND (FCCT): TEAM MEMBERS CROCKER, CELEC, STEYNER AND KIEHL HELD AN  
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HOUR-LONG ON-THE-RECORD PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWED BY AN OFF-THE-RECORD LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCCT. ATTENDEES AT SESSIONS INCLUDED MOST OF THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL MEDIA REPRESENTED IN BANGKOK. THE FORTY-PLUS JOURNALISTS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM: AP, REUTER, AFP, NCA (XIN-HUA), MALAYSIAN NEWS AGENCY, NEW YORK TIMES, LONDON TIMES, MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, L.A. TIMES, INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, SINGAPORE STRAITS-TIMES, SIDNEY MORNING HERALD, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE, NBC, ABC, AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY, VOA AND WILLIAM SHAWCROSS (AUTHOR OF "SIDESHOW"). MAJORITY OF THE MEDIA DISPLAYED LITTLE OR NO SKEPTICISM OF EVIDENCE CONTAINED IN MARCH 22 STATE DEPARTMENT  
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REPORT AND ASKED QUESTIONS CLARIFYING POINTS IN REPORT, ON FUTURE STEPS BY US, U.N. EXPERTS GROUPS OR OTHERS TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF CB USE, AND ON IMPLICATIONS FOR ARMS CONTROL. OTHER QUESTIONERS WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE US HAD PRESENTED NO "HARD EVIDENCE" IN THE FORM OF ORDINANCE OR CORPSES OF VICTIMS (NBC); WHY, IF THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS, THE US IS NOT MAKING MORE OF AN EFFORT ON THE CW USE ISSUE AND DEVOTING MORE USG RESOURCES TO COLLECTION (N.Y. TIMES). IN OFF-THE-RECORD CONVERSATIONS, MEDIA ADMITTED THEY ARE PERSONALLY CONVINCED OF CW USE BUT BELIEVE US CASE WOULD BE MORE PERSUASIVE TO "HONEST SKEPTICS" IF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WERE PRODUCED AND GREATER US RESOURCE COMMITMENT WERE UNDERTAKEN.

TWO POINTS RAISED DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH SEEMED OF GREATEST INTEREST TO THE MEDIA WERE THE TEAM'S REPORT OF SEVENTY NEW VICTIMS AT BAN VINAI AND US DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET NATIONAL UN UNDERSECRETARY USTINOV'S ROLE IN THE U.N. INVESTIGATION.  
-- ICA BANGKOK: ICA BANGKOK WILL REPORT ON LOCAL MEDIA PLAY OF ABOVE EVENTS THROUGH NORMAL MEDIA REACTION CHANNELS WITH INFO TO CW USE BRIEFING TEAM ENROUTE. REQUEST ALL OTHER ADDRESSEES INFO

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CM USE TEAM ON YOUR MEDIA REACTION REPORTING FROM THESE BANGKOK EVENTS.

6. BRIEFING FOR ALLIED DIPLOMATS:

ON APRIL 7, TEAM MEMBERS CELEC, KIEHL AND McDONALD MET WITH MEMBERS OF ALLIED EMBASSIES HERE. PRESENT WERE HARALD NEPLE, NORWAY; MICHEL LUMMAUX, FRANCE; KEN GRAHAM, NEW ZEALAND; J.E. BUCKLEY, AUSTRALIA; AND DAVID KORTH, CANADA. AMEMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICERS EDMUND McWILLIAMS AND EMILY HODGES ALSO ATTENDED.

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7. BRIEFINGS AT MFA, SUPREME COMMAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL:

FORMAL BRIEFINGS WERE HELD AT THE THAI MFA, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) AND SUPREME COMMAND. THE MFA BRIEFING, ALTHOUGH FOCUSED ON ISSUES, INVOLVED A SUPRISING NUMBER OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS FROM THE STAFF. [

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WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) II WILL SEE THE CM ISSUE RAISED AS SEVERAL PERSONNEL QUERIED STETTNER ON US AGENDA FOR SSOD. DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING AT SUPREME COMMAND FOCUSED ENTIRELY ON MATTERS OF MILITARY MEDICINE AND THE NEED FOR MULTIPLE THAI-US COOPERATIVE VENTURES IN THE COMING YEAR. AN ACCURATE SUMMARY OF THE MEETING FROM THE THAI POINT OF VIEW APPEARED IN BANGKOK PRESS THE FOLLOWING DAY IN THE FORM OF AN INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL SAIYUD. THE BRIEFING FOR NSC SEC GEN PRASONG SUNSIRI AND STAFF DEALT MAINLY WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT WAYS TO CONVINCING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THE REALITY AND IMPORTANCE OF CM ATTACKS NEAR THAI TERRITORY. Q AND A PERIOD ALSO INCLUDED NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO MEDICAL AND COLLECTIVE PROTECTION MEASURES WITH EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR INCREASED COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE AND

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SHARING OF DATA WITH THE USG.  
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8. APRIL 7 LUNCH:

TEAM MEMBER CELEC JOINED MAJOR GENERAL WOO OF THE  
PRC FOR LUNCH. I

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THAT VISAS FOR THE PRC HAD BEEN APPROVED AND  
WOULD BE GRANTED IN BANGKOK.

9. TRIP TO BAN VI MAY REFUGEE CAMP:

-- TEAM MEMBERS CROCKER, GREEN AND STETTNER ACCOMPANIED  
LT. COL. LANE AND DR. TOWNSEND TO THE BAN VI MAY  
HMONG REFUGEE CAMP. A COURTESY CALL WAS PAID ON  
THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE. A FORMAL  
MEETING WAS HELD WITH

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-- DR. GREEN BRIEFED THE WORLD VISION FOUNDATION  
STAFF AT THE CAMP, WHICH IS HEADED BY NEW ZEALAND'S  
DR. BURKE AND WHICH INCLUDES DEREK BIRD, A UK DOCTOR,  
AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES.  
THE STAFF WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SET UP MEDICAL

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INTERVIEWS IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE. [ ]  
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A FINNISH HEALTH WORKER REPORTED THAT SEVENTY GAS VICTIMS HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM LAOS, BUT THAT THEY WERE TOO UNDERSTAFFED TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH ALL OF THEM. DR. GREEN EXAMINED THREE PATIENTS WITH SIGNS OF PROBABLE CHEMICAL INJURY.

-- SEVERAL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SPENDING SOME TIME CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE. THE MANPOWER REQUIRED TO PROPERLY SCREEN AND INTERVIEW ALLEGED VICTIMS IS CLEARLY BEYOND THE PRESENT MISSION STAFFING, AND SUPERFICIAL INTERVIEWS COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. AT THIS TIME, IT SEEMS TO THE TEAM THAT VICTIMS WITH SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHEMICAL INJURY AT THE ORIGINAL TIME OF CONTACT SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY CAMP PHYSICIANS FIRST. IF A DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT NO OTHER MEDICALLY LIKELY CAUSES EXIST EXCEPT CHEMICAL INJURY AND THE PATIENT RELATES A CW STORY, THE PATIENT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DR. TOWNSEND FOR DETERMINATION AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF TRANSFER TO A SUITABLE BANGKOK HOSPITAL. SUCH A CASE WAS PROCESSED BY DR. TOWNSEND AND GREEN AND A PATIENT HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO BANGKOK'S SIRIRAJ HOSPITAL (APRIL 7).

-- DR. GREEN, WATSON AND TOWNSEND HELD EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED CLINICAL MEDICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH 15 MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AT SIRIRAJ HOSPITAL ON  
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METHODOLOGY AND HANDLING OF CHEMICALLY INJURED PATIENTS. DR. WATSON, HERE AS AT ALL MEDICAL FACILITIES VISITED, LEFT DETAILED DOCUMENTATION ON DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS, LAB WORK-UP AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS. DR. TOWNSEND, GREEN AND WATSON MADE A GRAND ROUNDS CALL ON THE CW PATIENT WITH THE HOSPITAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF. EMBASSY WILL REPORT PATIENT'S STATUS SEPTEL.  
10. VISIT TO THAI-KAMPUCHEAN BORDER:

-- ON APRIL 10, THE TEAM SPLIT INTO MEDICAL  
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AND MILITARY SUB-GROUPS TO MAXIMIZE EXPOSURE. THE MEDICAL MEMBERS, LED BY DR. TOWNSEND, VISITED THE HOSPITALS, SAW PATIENTS AND BRIEFED THE STAFFS AT KHAO I DANG, NONG SAMET AND NONG CHAN. FOREIGN MEDICAL STAFF GENERALLY RECEIVED MEMBERS WITH THINLY VEILED SUSPICION AT FIRST, BUT BY END OF BRIEFINGS HAD CLEARLY BECOME PERSUADED AS TO THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF THE USG, LARGELY BY VERY DIRECT AND HONEST CONVERSATION IN WHICH TEAM MEMBERS "SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT" ABOUT EXAGGERATED PRESS ACCOUNTS, AND AFTER DR. WATSON HAD PRESENTED HER PACKAGE OF MATERIALS ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. ASHAD BEEN OBSERVED IN PAKISTAN, VOLAG PHYSICIANS ARE WILLING TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT WHEN THEY DO NOT HAVE TO INITIATE CONTACTS WITH THE USG. THE CRITICAL ROLE OF DR. TOWNSEND IN PROVIDING A BRIDGE TO PERMIT PASSAGE OF MEDICAL DATA FROM VOLAGS TO US IS OBVIOUS. AFTER THE BRIEFINGS OF CAMP MEDICAL STAFF, IT IS NOW MORE LIKELY THAT REFERRALS OF CHEMICAL INJURY WILL OCCUR.

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