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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO CINCPAC HONOLULU HI IMMEDIATE
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6866
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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REVIEWED by RHW DATE 11/3/88
 RELEASE DECLASSIFY
 EXCISE DECLASSIFY IN PART
 DENY Non-responsive info.
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CINCPAC FOR CDM BRIEFING TEAM

EO12065: NA
TAGS: PARM, SHUM, SOPH, LA, UR, VH
SUBJ: ALLEGED CDM FACTORY IN VIENTIANE

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 CLASSIFY as _____, OADR
 DOWNGRADE TO () S or () C, OADR

1. THE ENGLISH DAILY BANGKOK POST APRIL 21 CARRIED A REPORT, SOURCED TO THE CDM BRIEFING TEAM IN AUSTRALIA, THAT CLAIMED EXISTENCE OF A FACTORY NEAR VIENTIANE WHICH PRODUCED CHEMICAL MUNITIONS.

2. THE REPORT READ IN PART: BEGIN TEXT: A TEAM OF AMERICAN CHEMICAL WARFARE EXPERTS HAD TOLD AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS THAT A SOVIET BUILT LABORATORY NEAR VIENTIANE IS PRODUCING WHAT WORKERS THERE CALL "THE POWDER THAT KILLS THE HMONGS." THE AMERICANS ... SAID THE SINGLE ROOM LABORATORY IS SUPPLIED BY SOVIET CIVILIANS WITH CONTAINERS OF RED, GREEN AND YELLOW CHEMICAL POWDERS AND MIXED INTO A LIQUID SLURRY BY LAOTIAN WOMEN WEARING

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MASKS, GLOVES AND SHOES. THE SUBSTANCE IS THEN PLACED

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IN SHELLS, LOADED ONTO SOVIET MARKED MILITARY TRUCKS AND TRANSPORTED TO MILITARY AIRFIELDS, THE U.S. TEAM SAID. THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT IS UNKNOWN." END TEXT.

**3. THIS REPORT HAS GENERATED PRESS AND FOREIGN OFFICIAL INTEREST HERE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUCH A FACTORY AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT TEAM CAN SHED ON REPORT.
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