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TION IS HERE REPORTED IN RAW FORM FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION AND EVALUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. SOURCE A, A RADIO OPERATOR (PRC 25)

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SOURCE SAID THAT IN LATE JANUARY 1980. MR-7 DIRECTED

DIVISION, TO BEGIN USINJET- SUPPLIED CBW AGENTS WHEREVER IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE. THE FOLLOWING DAY, BATTALION REPORTED USE OF CBW IN THE PAILIN AREA AND THAT IT HAD "KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE". SOURCE ALSO RECALLED MESSAGES PASSING THROUGH HIM IN THE JANUARY-JUNE 1980 PERIOD REGARDING ARTILLERY AND MORTAR SHELLS WHICH WERE DESIGNED "TO MAKE PEOPLE SLEEP". IN PARTICULAR, HE RECALLED A MESSAGE

IN LATE JUNE 1980 WHICH URGED USE OF 60MM CBW MORTAR ROUNDS AGAINST KHMER ROUGE FORCES AND THE THAI ARMY. SOURCE ADDED THAT THE 60MM ROUND HAD AN EFFECTIVE RADIUS (KILLING RADIUS ?) OF 100 METERS.

3. SOURCE B, A

SOURCE SAID THAT, WHILE THE REGIMENT WAS EQUIPPED WITH BOTH 81MM AND 105MM ARTILLERY PIECES, THE UNIT ONLY HAD CBW ROUNDS FOR THE 105'S. SOURCE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE 105 ROUNDS IN THE UNITS STOCK. (DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS OF THE CBW ROUNDS DERIVE FROM SOURCE'S TRAINING AND NOT ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.) THE FIRST SHELL DESCRIBED BY SOURCE IS THE BASIC EXPLOSIVE SHELL, GREEN IN COLOR
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WITH A SINGLE RING INDENTED JUST BELOW THE HEAD OF THE SHELL. THE SECOND SHELL WAS WHITE AND HAD A DOUBLE RING BELOW THE HEAD. IT BURNED OUT THE OXYGEN IN THE AREA OF IMPACT. THE THIRD SHELL WAS WHITE WITH A SINGLE RING BELOW THE HEAD. IT DISPERSES WHITE MOIST DROPLETS THAT ARE DANGEROUS FOR FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AND THEREAFTER LOSE THEIR TOXICITY. SOURCE BELIEVED THE SHELL WAS NOT LETHAL BUT SAID THE AGENT IT CONTAINED CAUSED UNCONSCIOUSNESS, VERTIGO, GENERALIZED "DRUNK" SENSATIONS, BURNING

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AND IRRITATED EYES, BEARING AND SWELLING OF THE EYES, HEMORRHAGE TO THE SCLERAE AND MIDDLE EARS (THUS DIMINISHING NG) AND BURNING OF THE SKIN (UNSPECIFIC AS TO BLISTERS). SOURCE BELIEVED THE POISON WAS ABSORBED BY BREATHING. THE FOURTH SHELL WAS "RARE" AND WAS USED IN "EMERGENCIES". THE SHELL HAD CYRILLIC LETTERS ON IT WHICH HE BELIEVED DESIGNATED THE REGION OF MANUFACTURE. SOURCE WAS UNWARE OF THE SHELL'S EFFECT. SOURCE BELIEVED THE SHELLS WERE STORED IN A WAREHOUSE ON "MONKEY HILL" (AKA HILL 151) (NFI). SOURCE SAID CBM SHELLS WERE USED IN THE PHNON MELAI AREA IN 1980 AS WELL AS ALONG THE DANGKREK.

4. SOURCEC.

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SOURCE SAID THAT 5TH DIVISION HAD FIVE SPECIALISTS WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING AND FIRING 105 CBM ROUNDS.

THE ROUNDS WERE STORED AND TRANSPORTED UNDER TIGHT SECURITY. AFTER FIRING THE 105'S, THE SPECIAL PERSONNEL WOULD RETURN CONTROL OF THE WEAPONS TO THE UNIT. SOURCE ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PAVN TROOPS IN FEBRUARY, SUFFERING WITH BURNING, SWOLLEN

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EYES WHO WERE EITHER BLIND OR HAD REDUCED VISION. PAVN MEDICS TOLD SOURCE THAT THESE TROOPS WERE FROM THE PHNOM MELAI AREA AND THAT THEY WERE ACCIDENTAL VICTIMS OF A PAVN CBW EMPLOYMENT. PAVN TROOPS, HE SAID, GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS AGENT CAUSED BLINDNESS. HE SAID THAT THE 016 REGIMENT HAS SHELLS WHICH CAUSED THIS PROBLEM. THERE WAS A SPECIAL EFFORT TO GET PAVN TO USE NEWLY ISSUED GAS MASKS AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE INCIDENT. SOURCE DESCRIBED THE MASKS AS BLUE-GREY AND AS HAVING A FILTER ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

S. SOURCE D.

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ABOUT FIFTY PAVN PERSONNEL ILL AS A RESULT OF A CBW ...

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