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E.O. 12065: GDS 05/24/88 (DEAN, J. G.) OR-M
TAGS: PARM, SHUM, MMOL, SREF, CB, VM, CH
SUBJECT: GAS MASK FROM KAMPUCHEA

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- ENTIRE TEXT - C.)
- KHMER IN THE NONG PRU AREA MAY 22 PROVIDED DR. TOWNSEND A VIETNAMESE GAS MASK, ONE OF TWENTY-ONE ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED IN THE KHAO DIN AREA IN EARLY APRIL. REF A INDICATED THAT THE THAI HAD CAPTURED THE TWENTY-ONE MASKS, ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENT INQUIRIES WITH THE THAI ESTABLISHED THAT IN FACT THE KHMER ROUGE HAD CAPTURED THE MASKS.
- THE MASK APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL IN TYPE TO THE MASK DESCRIBED IN REF B. THE PRESENT ONE IS DIRTIER AND MORE WORN, THOUGH APPARENTLY STILL FUNCTIONAL. WE DO NOT KNOW IF IT HAS BEEN USED IN A CBW ENVIRONMENT.
- ALSO, U.S. SOURCES COLLECTED SAMPLES OF VEGETATION FROM THE NONG PRU AREA, INCLUDING CORN LEAF AND FLOWER, TAPIOCA LEAF, PAPAYA LEAF, DEAD AND FRESH-CUT GRASS, DECAYING WOOD, EARTH, PEBBLES AND STREAM WATER SAMPLES. THE AREA OF COLLECTION WAS SAID NEVER TO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO A CBW ATTACK.
- MASK AND SAMPLES WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EA/VLK) MAY 27 (DETAILS FOLLOW SEPTTEL). DEAN

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