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SUBJECT: CW USE, ITALIAN NEWS REPORT

1. FOLLOWING FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION IS SUMMARY OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE GENERALLY RESPECTED ITALIAN NEWSPAPER "IL GIORNALE" OF JUNE 10, 1982. BUILT AROUND THE REMARKS OF ADELIA BERNARD, AN ITALO-AUSTRALIAN, THE ARTICLE PURPORTS TO REPORT HER FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF CW USE IN LAOS; IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE REPORTER ACTUALLY INTERVIEWED BERNARD.

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2. BEGIN SUMMARY: ADELIA BERNARD HAS WORKED FOR THREE YEARS IN REFUGEE CAMPS ALONG THE THAI BORDER, AND HAS COLLECTED EVIDENCE OF CW USE IN LAOS TO PRESENT IN AUSTRALIA. SHE CHARGES THAT CW PRODUCED BY THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN USED TO KILL THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AND GUERRILLAS, AND THAT 70 PCT OF "PERSONNEL IN THE EMBASSIES" KNOW THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ARE USING THESE WEAPONS. SHE CRITICIZES WESTERN GOVERNMENTS AND THE UN FOR THEIR FAILURE TO ACT ON THIS INFORMATION.

-- THE ARTICLE THEN CITES THE WORK OF DR. AMOS TOWNSEND, WHO HAS ISOLATED TRICOTHECENE MYCOTOXINS IN THE BLOODSTREAMS OF GUERRILLA FIGHTERS, AND DESCRIBES IN SOME DETAIL THE EFFECTS AND POTENCY OF THE MYCOTOXINS. THE ARTICLE ALSO CITES THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON CW USE. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND LAOTIAN REFUGEES HAVE DIED IN THAILAND'S NONG KAI HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF CW ATTACKS.

-- RETURNING TO BERNARD, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT SHE HAS IDENTIFIED THREE CW CENTERS NEAR THE LAOS-CAMBODIA BORDER. THE BAN POUNG DEPOSITORY IS VISITED DAILY BY TWO SOVIET COLONELS. THE DEPOTS OF CHAM 2 AND CHAM 4, RESPECTIVELY 35 KILOMETERS AND 65 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF THE CITY OF SAVANNA KHET, ARE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. THE FIRST HOSTS 180 SPECIALISTS AND 19 RUSSIAN OFFICERS; THE SECOND IS CONTROLLED BY SOME 30 SOVIET OFFICERS. THE ARTICLE ADDS THAT ONE SEES SIGNS IN RUSSIAN ALL OVER THESE LOCATIONS.

-- THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT BERNARD ALSO WAS ABLE TO SEE (NO DATE OR PLACE GIVEN) AN AMERICAN SOLDIER TAKEN PRISONER BY THE PATHET LAO 12 YEARS AGO. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY HIDDEN UNTIL RECENTLY AND NOW IS LIBERATED BY THE ANTI-VIETNAMESE RESISTANCE FORCES. BRIDGES

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