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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PORG, LA, VM, UR  
SUBJECT: HMONG PROVIDES RESIDUE SAMPLE FROM APRIL 1982  
CBN ATTACK

1. A HMONG WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE WITNESSED AND BEEN MADE ILL BY A SERIES OF CBN ATTACKS ON HIS VILLAGE AREA IN LAOS OVER THE PERIOD APRIL 8-25, 1982, HAS PROVIDED A SMALL AMOUNT OF ALLEGED RESIDUE COLLECTED OFF A PLASTIC PONCHO ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE ATTACKS. THE MATERIAL IS BEING POUCHED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT (DETAILS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL). DETAILS REGARDING THE ALLEGED ATTACK FOLLOW:
2. THE ATTACK:

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A SINGLE ROTOR HELICOPTER WITH TWO-METER WINGS

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PROTRUDING FROM THE FUSELAGE PASSED OVER THE SOURCE'S VILLAGE ALMOST DAILY DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 8 -25. SOURCE LEFT HIS VILLAGE ON MAY 18, CROSSED THE MEKONG ON JUNE 13 AND ARRIVED AT BAN VI NAY CAMP ON JUNE 14. THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE NEAR MOUNG KASSY IN THE GENERAL AREA OF COORDINATES TG1727.

**3. MEDICAL SYMPTOMS/SIGNS:**

SOURCE CLAIMED THAT APPROXIMATELY 65 VILLAGERS SUFFERED HEADACHE, CHEST PAIN WITH SEVERE COUGH, SORE THROAT, FEVER, SOME NAUSEA AND VOMITING, ESPECIALLY IN THE YOUNG, WEAKNESS AND ANOREXIA. SYMPTOMS/SIGNS LASTED ABOUT ONE WEEK AND WERE TREATED WITH OPIUM. AT THE TIME SOURCE DEPARTED VILLAGE THERE HAD BEEN NO DEATHS. SOURCE HIMSELF, WHO HAS 15 YEARS OF FORMAL EDUCATION, LOOKED PALE, WASH AND ANEMIC ALTHOUGH ALERT AND FULLY COOPERATIVE. LABORATORY TEST CONDUCTED AT BAN VI NAY CAMP HOSPITAL ON SOURCE JUNE 17 YIELDED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS: BLOOD: WBC-5,000; HCT-39; DIFF: S-44, L-38, EOS-16, BASO-2. URINE: PH-6; PROT-PLUS1; SUGAR-NEGATIVE; RBC-NEGATIVE; WBC 4-6/HPF; BACT-FEW; SOME AMORPHOUS URATES NOTED.

**4. EFFECT ON PLANTS/ANIMALS:**

SOURCE NOTED SOME SMALL BURN HOLES ON LEAVES FOLLOWING THE ATTACK. RICE DID NOT APPEAR TO COME UP ON TIME. THERE WAS NO PLANT DEATH OR DENUDATION OF LEAVES. ALL PIGS AND CHICKENS  
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DIED BETWEEN THREE AND SIX DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL EXPOSURE. SYMPTOMS/SIGNS INCLUDED: ANOREXIA, "ACTING DRUNK" WITH "STAGGERING AND RUNNING INTO THINGS".

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