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SUBJECT: HMONG CLAIMS ARTILLERY-DELIVERED CBW ATTACK
- IN LAOS

1. A HMONG REFUGEE HAS REPORTED AN ALLEGED CBW ATTACK
IN LAOS WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY ARTILLERY OR MORTAR
SHELLS. SOURCE'S JUNE 16 ACCOUNT FOLLOWS:

2. THE ATTACK: HMONG RESISTANCE FORCES ON A FORESTED
MOUNTAIN TOP ON JANUARY 9, 1982, WERE HIT WITH
APPROXIMATELY 80-90 SHELLS THAT GAVE OFF A WHITE-
YELLOW SMOKE WITH AN EFFECTIVE RADIUS OF 150-200
METERS. LOCATION OF THE ATTACK WAS AT A POINT
(VIC VF771?) ABOUT FIVE DAYS' WALK NORTHEAST
OF THE MEKONG CROSSING POINT AT BAN DON TRUNG
(UNLOCATED).

3. MEDICAL SYMPTOMS/SIGNS: SOURCE COMPLAINED OF THE
FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS WHICH PERSISTED FOR APPROXIMATELY
ONE MONTH: EDEMATOUS EYES WITH DISTURBED VISUAL
ACUITY AND A YELLOW HUE TO THE TOTAL SCENE AS WELL AS
SOME YELLOW IN THE SCLERAE; NAUSEA, VOMITING
WITH BLOOD; CHEST PAIN AFTER COUGHING; SKIN RASH "WITH
A NEEDLE PRICK SENSATION"; SORE THROAT; VERTIGO,
WATERY HEMODIARRHEA; SYNCOPE; BACK PAIN AND
A "DRUNK-LIKE" SENSATION. SOURCE CONTINUED TO
COMPLAIN OF COUGH AND PAIN ACCOMPANYING BREATHING,
ESPECIALLY ON DEEP BREATHING. SOURCE LOOKED WAN AND
MALNOURISHED AS IF SUFFERING FROM A CHRONIC
DISEASE. X-RAY OF THE CHEST DID NOT SUGGEST ANY
SPECIFIC PROBLEM. DOCTORS DETECTED NO ORGANOMEGALLY.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST ACCOUNT IN MANY MONTHS
OF CBW DELIVERY BY ARTILLERY/MORTAR IN LAOS. THE
WHITE-YELLOW COLOR OF THE "GAS" AND RADIUS OF 150-200
METERS AND SYMPTOMS/SIGNS OF VICTIMS ARE REMINISCENT
OF ACCOUNTS OF KHMER VICTIMS OF ATTACKS IN WESTERN
KAMPUCHEA IN FEBRUARY-APRIL 1982.
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