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SUBJECT: BUYUNG NASUTION ON USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN
LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA

REF: JAKARTA 11017 NOTAL

1. THE BUYUNG NASUTION INTERVIEW DISCUSSED IN REPTEL IS A HELPPFUL SUPPLEMENT TO OUR OWN EFFORTS TO FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON THE USE BY THE SRV AND ITS ALLIES OF LETHAL CHEMICAL AGENTS IN LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA.

2. REGRETTABLY, HOWEVER, BUYUNG HAS LEFT THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE LETHAL AGENTS BEING USED WERE LEFT BEHIND BY US FORCES. IN FACT, THOUGH SOME RIOT-CONTROL AGENTS MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND AND COULD SUBSEQUENTLY

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HAVE BEEN USED BY SRV FORCES, THESE WERE ENTIRELY OF A

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NON-LETHAL VARIETY, CONSISTING OF RIOT-CONTROL TYPE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, USED BY MANY NATIONS DURING DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SRV FORCES HAVE SUBSTITUTED LETHAL CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES IN GRENADES OF US MANUFACTURE WHICH ORIGINALLY CONTAINED NON-LETHAL SUBSTANCES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD TAKE THE NEXT AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS THIS DISTINCTION TO BUYUNG, SO THAT HE CAN CORRECT THE PUBLIC RECORD AS HE SEES FIT. SHULTZ

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