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SUBJECT: VISIT OF STUART J. D. SCHWARTZSTEIN
REF: (A) BANGKOK 02926 (NOTAL), B. STATE 260291 (NOTAL)

1. MR. STUART SCHWARTZSTEIN, PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR A PRIVATELY RUN MEDICAL SCREENING/DIAGNOSTIC PROJECT FOR CBW VICTIMS, VISITED BANGKOK SEPTEMBER 23-28. THE EMBASSY TRIED TO BE SUPPORTIVE TO HIS VISIT, BUT WE WERE HANDICAPPED BY THE LATE NOTICE OF HIS TRIP (REF 0 ARRIVED AFTER SCHWARTZSTEIN) AND BY THE PAUCITY OF OFFICIAL GUIDANCE ON THE NATURE OF HIS PROJECT AND ON THE DEGREE OF US INVOLVEMENT APPROPRIATE FOR A PRIVATE EFFORT OF THIS SORT.

2. SCHWARTZSTEIN HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH EMOFFS ONYS IN WHICH HIS PROJECT MIGHT RELATE TO EMBASSY COLLECTION EFFORTS. DOCTOR AMOS TOWNSEND AND RN ANDREA CROSSLAND OF IRC PARTICIPATED IN MANY OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. TOWNSEND AND SCHWARTZSTEIN
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NEEDS OF THE PROJECT.

3. SCHWARTZSTEIN TRAVELLED TO REFUGEE CAMPS ON THE KAMPUCHEAN BORDER SEPTEMBER 26 WITH DR. TOWNSEND. BOTH RECEIVED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE CAMP PASSES. WHILE THERE THEY OBTAINED PIECES OF A MORTAR ROUND ALLEGEDLY USED IN A CHEMICAL ATTACK ON KPNLF FORCES. THEY GAVE THE SAMPLE TO THE USG AND IT HAS BEEN SHIPPED TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL).

4. MFA OFFICIALS WERE NOT ABLE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH SCHWARTZSTEIN ON THE SHORT NOTICE PROVIDED. HE DID NOT APPROACH THE THAI NSC. BUT SCHWARTZSTEIN HIMSELF TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH NSC SECRETARY GENERAL PRASONG. WHOM HE TELEPHONED AT HOME OVER THE WEEKEND AND MET FOR COFFEE. HE CHARACTERIZED THEIR TALK AS CORDIAL. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST THAT THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THE DIAGNOSTIC PROJECT BY PROVIDING OFFICE SPACE. PRASONG SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER IT IF SCHWARTZSTEIN PUT THE REQUEST IN WRITING.

5. SCHWARTZSTEIN LEFT FOR CAIRO SEPTEMBER 26. HE PLANS TO RETURN TO THAILAND IN NOVEMBER TO SEE DR. HARUFF START ACTUAL WORK ON THE PROJECT. HE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON HARUFF'S PLANNED WORK AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE USG.

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