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SUBJECT: UN CW PANEL REQUEST FOR CLEARANCES

REF: BANGKOK 58339

1. (LOU) CONCERNING REFTTEL REQUEST FOR CLEARANCES FOR ENTRY INTO US OF CHEMICAL SAMPLES COLLECTED BY UN EXPERTS' PANEL IN THAILAND, EMBASSY CAN ASSURE UN TEAM (GENERAL EZZ) THAT DEPARTMENT HAS OBTAINED NECESSARY PORT OF ENTRY CLEARANCES FROM US CUSTOMS. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME OF FLIGHT CARRYING CW SAMPLES AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW SOONEST NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF INDIVIDUAL(S) ACCOMPANYING SAMPLES AND AIRBILL NUMBER
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2. (LOU) EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS TO EZZ THAT SINCE USG WANTS TO INSURE THAT SAMPLES NOT BE COMPROMISED, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EITHER UN PANEL ACCOMPANY SAMPLES BACK TO NEW YORK AND/OR THAT APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS BE PRESENT AT EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION OF SAMPLES IN BANGKOK AND NEW YORK, RESPECTIVELY. NATURALLY, SAMPLES SHOULD BE PROPERLY PACKED (E.G., BLOOD AND URINE SAMPLES SHOULD BE COOLED), LABELED, AND SECURED. SAMPLES SHOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE PUT IN HOLD BAGGAGE. USG, OF COURSE, IS PREPARED TO RENDER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE UN PANEL WOULD REQUEST, E.G., U.S. OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO BE AT HAND INAILAND AND NEW YORK TO A OF SAMPLES INTO U.S..

3. (C) FYI. U.S. D.I.A. REPRESENTATIVE DOMINIC F. GASBARRI, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING US CM SAMPLES COLLECTED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IS CURRENTLY IN THAILAND, WILL BE RETURNING TO THE US ON PAA 800, NOVEMBER 7. HE IS PREPARED, IF SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY UN TEAM AND AS A LAST RESORT, TO ACCOMPANY UN SAMPLES BACK TO NY. (GASBARRI CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH US DAO, EMBASSY BANGKOK.) HOWEVER, AS NOTED ABOVE, WE STRONGLY PREFER THAT UN TEAM OR A NEUTRAL INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANY SAMPLES. END FYI.

4. (C). DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST DETAILED READ OUT OF UN PANEL'S VISIT, PARTICULARLY SITES VISITED AND EMBASSY'S OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON VISIT. SHULTZ

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