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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON U.N. CBW TEAM'S ACTIVITIES
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1. (C) ACCORDING TO THE U.N. ESCAP LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE U.N. CBW EXPERTS GROUP VISITING THAILAND, THE U.N. GROUP IS NOW LIKELY TO DELAY ITS DEPARTURE FROM BANGKOK UNTIL AT LEAST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10. ALTHOUGH THE GROUP IS VERY ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO NEW YORK TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT, THE GROUP HAS DECIDED TO STAY LONGER IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF A CHEMICAL ATTACK ON THE KHMER ASSISTANCE CAMP AT SOKH SAN ON OCTOBER 29 (SEPTEL). THE GROUP PLANS EITHER TO TRAVEL TO THE BORDER AREA TO INTERVIEW VICTIMS WHO HAVE RETURNED TO THE BORDER FROM THE CAMP, OR TO HAVE THAI AUTHORITIES BRING THE VICTIMS TO BANGKOK FOR INTERVIEWING.

2. (C) AS FOR THE CHEMICAL SAMPLES COLLECTED BY THE GROUP, THE GROUP HAS DECIDED TO DELAY SHIPPING THEM
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IN ORDER TO OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, ADDITIONAL SAMPLES.

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FROM THE SOKH SAN ATTACK. ON MONDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 8 GENERAL EZZ REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY PROVIDE NOTIFICATION IN WRITING THAT PORT OF ENTRY CLEARANCES HAD BEEN OBTAINED. THE NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT OVER TO THE U.N. TEAM ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 8. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT THE SAMPLES WILL BE SENT BY SAS VIA COPENHAGAN. THE TEAM WILL ASK THAT USG OFFICIALS BE PRESENT UPON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK TO FACILITATE ENTRY. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER FLIGHT INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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