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TAGS: PARM, TH, LA
SUBJECT: ALLEGED CBM INCIDENT OCTOBER 17 IN LAOS
REF: BANGKOK 58260 (040522 NOV 82)

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
 2. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON NOTES TAKEN BY IRC NURSE ANDREA CROSSLAND IN BAN VINAI CAMP AND GIVEN TO EMBOFF NOVEMBER 6:
 3. (b) [] IS A 19-YEAR OLD MALE HMONG WHO LIVED IN THE HILLS SURROUNDING THE VILLAGE OF PHU ME, LAOS (TF 9276), A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 100 FAMILIES. HE ALLEGES A CBM INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE VILLAGE AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 17, A CLOUDY DAY. HE HEARD A JET PLANE, BUT IT WAS TOO CLOUDY TO SEE THE AIRCRAFT. HE FELT A MIST ON HIS ARMS AND BODY, AND SAW AN ORANGE-YELLOW MIST ON THE LEAVES. THE AIR SMELLED LIKE BURNT PLASTIC. WITHIN TWO HOURS HE HAD SWOLLEN EYES, BREATHING DIFFICULTIES, HEART PALPITATIONS.
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A DRUNKEN FEELING, HEADACHE, SORE THROAT, AND LATER
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BLOODY DIARRHEA AND HAEMORRHEA. HE AND THE OTHER
HMONG SMOKED TINCTURE OF OPIUM, WHICH HE SAID HELPED
THE DIARRHEA. HIS URINE WAS RED FOR FIFTEEN DAYS. HE
SAID THAT OTHER PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE WERE ALSO SICK.

4. A LEADER IN THE FOREST, TOLD
THE VILLAGERS TO COLLECT LEAVES WHICH THEY WRAPPED
IN PAPER. NINE HMONG LEFT THE NEXT MORNING FOR THAILAND.
BY THE TIME THEY LEFT THE VILLAGE ONE WOMAN AND ONE MAN
HAD ALREADY DIED FROM SEVERE BLEEDING FROM THE NOSE
AND "OTHER BLEEDING". THE TRIP TO THAILAND TOOK SEVEN
DAYS. ON THE WAY THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY LPLA TROOPS.

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5. THE LEAVES BROUGHT BACK WERE PRESENTED TO THE
U.N. CBW EXPERTS PANEL ON NOVEMBER 1. [] WAS STILL
FEELING ILL AT THAT TIME AND THE SKIN LESIONS WHICH
HAD BROKEN OUT AFTER THE CHEMICAL ATTACK WERE GETTING
WORSE. HE HAD RAISED RED SKIN ERUPTIONS AROUND HIS
NECK, FEET, LEGS, PART OF HIS CHEST, BUTTOCKS AND GROIN.
[] WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE U.N. TEAM NOVEMBER 1, BLOOD
SAMPLES WERE TAKEN BY THE U.N. TEAM, AND ON NOVEMBER 4
HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE NATIONAL DERMATOLOGY CLINIC IN
BANGKOK WHERE HIS LESIONS WERE EXAMINED IN GREATER
DETAIL BY THE U.N. GROUP. BLOOD AND URINE SAMPLES
OBTAINED FROM [] BY MS. CROSSLAND WERE ESCORTED
TO WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 7 BY DIA EMPLOYEE GASBARRI
(REFTEL).
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