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1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FINAL REPORT OF THE LAWASIA (LAW ASSOCIATION FOR ASIA AND WESTERN PACIFIC) INQUIRY INTO CHEMICAL WARFARE USE IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS. A GROUP OF PROMINENT LAWYERS FROM THAILAND, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, INDIA AND BANGLADESH CONDUCTED THE INVESTIGATION JUNE 4-11, 1982. THE REPORT IS ENTITLED "ASIAN LAWYERS LEGAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS."

2. THE COMMITTEE'S SUMMARY FINDINGS ARE THAT:

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--VIETNAMESE FORCES HAD AND ARE USING LETHAL CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AGAINST PEOPLES OF KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS;

--THE AFOREMENTIONED CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE IS INTENDED TO DESTROY RESISTANCE TO REGIMES ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY VIETNAMESE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES OF KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS;

--THE HOSTILE PRESENCE OF VIETNAMESE FORCES IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS--AND THE USE OF LETHAL CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS BY THESE FORCES--HAS RESULTED IN EXODUS OF REFUGEES DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR BASIC RIGHTS TO HOME, COUNTRY, PROPERTY AND PERSONAL SECURITY BY AN INVADING ARMY;

--ALLEGED DIVERSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AID COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED WITHOUT FULL INVESTIGATION INSIDE KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS.

--END QUOTE--

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3. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

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--TO PERMIT THE UN INVESTIGATING TEAMS TO ENTER LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA FOR CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION:

--VIETNAMESE FORCES IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST FROM THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 1925 PROHIBITING THE USE IN WAR OF ASPHYXIATING, POISONOUS OR OTHER GASES, AND OF BACTERIOLOGICAL METHODS OR WEAPONS; AND THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL WARFARE CONVENTION FURTHER PROSCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION OR STOCKPILING OF SAID WEAPONS--AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION SIMILARLY COMPLY;

--VIETNAMESE FORCES WITHDRAW FROM KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS IN COMPLIANCE OF UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 34/22 1979; 35/8 1980 AND 36/5 1981, CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS.

--CONTINUING MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION BE PURSUED TO DETERMINE THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL AGENTS BEING EMPLOYED IN LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA;

--INVESTIGATION CONTINUE INTO ALLEGATIONS OF DIVERSION OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AND FOOD RELIEF TO THE DEPRIVATION OF THE KAMPUCHEAN AND LAO PEOPLES;

--INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES--ESPECIALLY PRIVATE, HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS UNHAMPERED BY POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS--ACCELERATE THEIR EFFORTS TO AID THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS.

-END QUOTE--

4. A PHOTOCOPY OF THE REPORT WAS POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EA/VLK TODAY (APRIL 19); REGISTRY NO. 6288398.

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