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2. SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE DETAILS INTERVIEWS WITH TEN HMONG WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THAILAND FROM LAOS. THEY REPORT EIGHTEEN ATTACKS WITH LETHAL CHEMICAL AGENTS IN LAOS DURING 1983 AT SEVEN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. THEY ALSO REPORT DEATHS OF AT LEAST SIXTY-SEVEN HMONG. HOWEVER, THE INTERVIEWS SUGGEST THAT FEWER HMONG ARE DYING NOW THAN IN THE PAST. THIS MAY BE PARTLY DUE TO THE GREATER EXPERIENCE OF THE HMONG IN DEALING WITH YELLOW RAIN. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLY DUE TO THE EXODUS OF HMONG FROM CBW TARGET AREAS AND/OR USE OF DIFFERENT CHEMICALS OR MIXTURES OF CHEMICALS. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO VERIFY THE LATTER TWO HYPOTHESES. END SUMMARY.

3. THIS MESSAGE IS BASED ON INTERVIEWS CONCERNING CBW USE IN LAOS DURING 1983 AND PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED BY DR. AMOS TOWNSEND IN BUNG KAM, THAILAND JULY 1-5 1983. DR. TOWNSEND INTERVIEWED HMONG WHO HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED AFTER CROSSING INTO THAILAND FROM LAOS. IN GENERAL, DR. TOWNSEND OBSERVED THAT RECENT HMONG REFUGEES APPEARED TO BE IN VERY POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION WITH WIDESPREAD MALNUTRITION. HE THOUGHT THE GROUP HE SAW IN BUNG KAM WAS AS BAD OFF AS ANY GROUP HE HAD SEEN SINCE COMING TO THAILAND IN 1979, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE KHMER ARRIVING IN THE FALL OF 1979.

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4. [] MALE, AGE 28, SAID HE IS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BAN PHA THE (VIC. UG 3005) ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS FROM BAN THAVIANG. HE REPORTED CW ATTACKS ON THE VILLAGE ON APRIL 2, 1983 AND SOMETIME IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. THE APRIL ATTACK WAS BY AN AN-2 AIRCRAFT, WHICH HE SAID MADE A SINGLE PASS AT ABOUT 1500

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FEET. EIGHTEEN PEOPLE OF A VILLAGE WHOSE POPULATION IS TWENTY-NINE FAMILIES BECAME ILL. FOURTEEN OF THE EIGHTEEN DIED. SYMPTOMS BEGAN TO OCCUR MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK. THE MATERIAL WAS INITIALLY BRIGHT YELLOW AND MOIST, WITH SPOT SIZES ESTIMATED FROM 3MM TO 12MM IN DIAMETER. THE AREA COVERED WAS GREATER THAN ONE KILOMETER IN LENGTH, THE WIDTH UNKNOWN. SYMPTOMS INCLUDED A HIGH MALARIA-LIKE FEVER STARTING TWO/FOUR DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK, NAUSEA, VOMITING WITH BLOOD.

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SORE THROAT, HEADACHE, AND HEARING PROBLEMS, BUT NO VISUAL PROBLEMS.

5. [] SAID THE JANUARY ATTACK ON THE VILLAGE OF BAN PHA THE WAS FROM A HELICOPTER AT AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 1000 FEET ABOVE THE VILLAGE. COMPOSITION AND APPEARANCE OF THE CHEMICAL AND SYMPTOMS WERE IDENTICAL TO THE APRIL ATTACK. HE SAID THAT IN JANUARY, ELEVEN VILLAGERS DIED. THE SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT A THIRD OF THE VILLAGE WAS MADE ILL BY THE ATTACK. A SECOND SOURCE FOR THESE ATTACKS,

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[] MALE, 20, RECALLED SEEING MANY ANIMALS DIE, INCLUDING PIGS, COWS, BUFFALOES, HORSES, DOGS AND GOATS. FEWER ANIMALS DIED IN APRIL THAN IN JANUARY. BOTH SOURCES RECALLED MINIMAL PLANT DAMAGE. YANG CHENG DESCRIBED THE MATERIAL AS "YELLOW LIKE POLLEN."

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6. [] MALE, 27, SAID THAT HE IS FROM THE VILLAGE OF NHA TUANG (VIC. UG 1723). HE CLAIMED THE VILLAGE WAS HIT FOUR TIMES DURING 1982-83, MOST RECENTLY ON THE MORNING OF MAY 15 BY A FOUR-ENGINE PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE. HE SAID THAT VILLAGERS COULD NOT SEE THE MATERIAL AS IT

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DESCENDED, BUT OBSERVED IT ON THE GROUND HALF AN HOUR
LATER. VILLAGERS BECAME SICK THAT EVENING. ACCORDING
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TO: FIVE PERSONS (AGED 5, 9, 10, 15 AND 18)
DIED. SYMPTOMS WERE NAUSEA, VOMITING WITH BLOOD.

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NOSEBLEEDS, TEARS, ANOREXIA, THE SENSATION OF BEING DRUNK, EYE PAIN, HEADACHE, ARTHRALGIA, MYALGIA, VISUAL AND HEARING PROBLEMS. THOSE WHO DIED HAD SEVERE HEADACHE, BLOODY COUGH AND CHOKING. CHICKENS, PIGS AND DOGS DIED. POPPIES, VEGETABLES AND TAPIOCA SEEMED TO ROT IN THE GROUND, BUT BAMBOO APPEARED TO BE UNAFFECTED. THE AREA CONTAMINATED WAS ONE/TWO SQUARE KILOMETERS. HE SAID THERE WERE ALSO FIVE DEATHS IN THE FIRST ATTACK (APRIL 1982), BUT THE VILLAGERS TREATED THEMSELVES WITH OPIUM AFTER EACH ATTACK AND THERE WERE FEWER DEATHS (SIC) AND SHORTER ILLNESSES. THIS SOURCE SAID THAT WHEN VILLAGERS COMPLAINED TO LPDR OFFICIALS IN 1982 THEY WERE TOLD, "IT'S JUST BEE FECES." (SIC)

7. [] MALE, 23, SAID THAT HE COMES FROM THE VILLAGE OF POU LOUANG WHICH IS ABOUT A THREE-HOUR WALK FROM BAN PHA THE. THIS SOURCE CLAIMS TO HAVE EXPERIENCED TWO CHEMICAL ATTACKS, THE LATEST IN JANUARY 1983 IN POU LOUANG AND ON THE WAY TO BAN PHA THE. IN THIS INCIDENT HE NEITHER SAW NOR HEARD AN AIRCRAFT, BUT OBSERVED YELLOW SPOTS ON THE LEAVES AND ROCKS. SYMPTOMS WERE FEVER, HEADACHE, BLURRED VISION, DIARRHEA, CHEST PAIN, AND COUGH (WITH BLOOD FOR A DAY AND A HALF). HE RECOVERED IN ABOUT EIGHTEEN DAYS. HE DID NOT REPORT ANY DEATHS.

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8. [] MALE, 40, IS FROM KEO MA NA (VIC. UF 2797), A CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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VILLAGE OF ABOUT FIFTY FAMILIES. AS THE VILLAGE LIES ALONG THE AIR ROUTE FROM VIENTIANE TO HANOI, AIRCRAFT ARE SEEN DAILY AND HE DID NOT OBSERVE A SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT DROPPING CHEMICALS. THE SOURCE DESCRIBED INCIDENTS ON MAY 15, MARCH 8, AND JANUARY 1983. ON MAY 15, HE NOTICED YELLOW SPOTS ON LEAVES, ROCKS, THE GROUND, AND SKIN IN A CONCENTRATION OF ABOUT THREE/FOUR SPOTS PER SQUARE METER. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AFTER A RAIN STORM WITH A SLIGHT BREEZE. THE VILLAGE IS ON A LOW HILLTOP AMONG LARGER MOUNTAINS. THE SIZE OF

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THE SPOTS WAS 2-11 MM, AVERAGING LESS THAN 6 MM. THE SOURCE WAS INSIDE AT THE TIME AND THUS AVOIDED MOST OF THE SYMPTOMS. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE THE VILLAGERS HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THESE ATTACKS (SOURCE CLAIMS HE KNOWS OF TEN INCIDENTS FROM 1981-83 AND SEVERAL PRIOR TO 1981), THEY PROMPTLY WASHED THEMSELVES WITH WATER AND ASHES AND TOOK OPIUM. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THIS ACTION PREVENTED SYMPTOMS FROM ARISING DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS, AFTER WHICH COUGHING WITH AND WITHOUT BLOOD, NOSE BLEEDS AND RED EYES OCCURRED. LATER SYMPTOMS INCLUDED BLURRED VISION, HEARING PROBLEMS, CHEST PAIN, BLOODY VOMITING, ITCHING RASH, ANOREXIA AND FEVER. SIX PERSONS DIED IN THIS ATTACK, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, WHILE ONE DIED IN THE MARCH 1983 INCIDENT AND THREE IN THE JANUARY 1983 ATTACK ON THE VILLAGE. HE DESCRIBED THE SYMPTOMS AS GENERALLY SIMILAR IN ALL THREE 1983 INCIDENTS.

9. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT VICTIMS DIE IN ABOUT TWO DAYS WITHOUT OPIUM TREATMENT, AND GENERALLY SURVIVE IF ABLE TO OBTAIN OPIUM WITHIN THE FIRST THREE DAYS. SOME ANIMALS DIED, INCLUDING CHICKENS

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**AND PIGS. TAPIOCA ROOTS APPEARED TO ROT. IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, HE SAID HIS IMPRESSION
IS THAT BEE FECES SPOTS ARE USUALLY SMALLER THAN
YELLOW RAIN SPOTS AND TENDED TO STICK TO LEAVES
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**FOR A LONGER PERIOD AFTER RAIN STORMS.. THIS SOURCE
DOES NOT RECALL SEEING YELLOW RAIN PRIOR TO 1978.**

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NOR ILLNESSES SIMILAR TO THESE SYMPTOMS PRIOR TO THAT TIME. HE FEELS THAT THERE WAS GREATER LETHALITY, MORE ILLNESS AND BLOODY VOMITING AND DIARRHEA, AS WELL AS TREMBLING FIVE YEARS AGO THAN AT PRESENT.

10. [] MALE, 44, SAID THAT HE IS FROM MEUNG TA (VIC. UG 0356). HE CLAIMED THAT ON MAY 2, 1983, A FOUR-ENGINE AIRCRAFT CIRCLED THE VILLAGE AT AN ALTITUDE PERHAPS ABOVE 9,000 FEET ON A SUNNY DAY WITH FEW CLOUDS, TRAILING A SMALL WHITE CLOUD. THE CLOUD APPEARED SIMILAR TO THOSE HE HAD SEEN WHEN HELICOPTERS SPRAYED INSECTICIDE IN LAOS PRIOR TO 1975. THERE WAS A MILD WIND BLOWING THROUGH THE VILLAGE WHICH IS LOCATED IN A VALLEY AMONG AND MOUNTAINS. THE YELLOW RAIN ARRIVED IN 30-40 MINUTES, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE. THE SPOTS WERE 3-10 MM IN DIAMETER AND WET ON IMPACT, BUT DRIED OUT IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. THE SOURCE THOUGHT THE AREA COVERED WAS ABOUT THREE BY FOUR KILOMETERS WITH A DENSITY OF UP TO THIRTY SPOTS PER SQUARE METER.

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11. THE SOURCE REPORTED SYMPTOMS OF BLURRED VISION, YELLOW NASAL DISCHARGE, SORE THROAT, HEADACHE, CHEST PAIN, DRY THROAT, VOMITING WITHOUT BLOOD, MUSCLE WEAKNESS WITH PAIN IN THE JOINTS AND ANOREXIA. THE SOURCE REPORTED SIX ILL, WITH ONE DEATH; HOWEVER, HIS WIFE, [] 138, DIFFERED WITH HIM, SAYING THAT FOUR CHILDREN, AGED 2, 5, 8, AND 12, DIED WITH SYMPTOMS OF HIGH FEVER, COUGH, VOMITING WITH BLOOD, AND DIARRHEA WITH BLOOD. SHE ESTIMATED THAT

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FIFTY PER CENT OF THE VILLAGE WAS ILL. IN ADDITION TO CHICKENS, PIGS, GOATS, AND DOGS, ONE OF FIVE COWS IN THE VILLAGE, THREE OF ONE HUNDRED HORSES, AND TWO WILD BIRDS DIED. PIGS EXHIBITED SYMPTOMS OF VOMITING AND DIARRHEA PLUS VERTIGO AND POOR COORDINATION. THE SKIN OF CHICKENS TURNED RED AT FIRST, GRADUALLY DARKENING UNTIL DEATH. SOME PLANTS ACTED AS THOUGH "HOT WATER HAD BEEN POURED ON THEM." TAPIOCA AND PAPAYA WERE MOST AFFECTED.

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DAY, BUT A MIG FLEW OVER THE PREVIOUS DAY. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE FIRST SYMPTOMS APPEARED FIVE TO TWELVE HOURS AFTER THE MATERIAL WAS SEEN. TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVENTY FAMILIES BECAME ILL. HE SAID THAT FOUR PERSONS (AGED 3, 10, 60, AND 70) DIED WITHIN 3-72 HOURS. THE VILLAGERS BELIEVE THE DEAD ATE FOOD CONTAMINATED BY THE CHEMICAL. THE INITIAL SYMPTOMS WERE COUGHING WITH BLOOD FROM THE NOSE AND MOUTH. OTHER SYMPTOMS WERE EYE REDNESS, FACIAL EDEMA, BLURRED VISION, SORENESS OF THE THROAT, WITH BLEEDING FROM THE MOUTH OR RESPIRATORY TRACT, HEARING PROBLEMS, HEADACHE, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA WITH AND WITHOUT BLEEDING, TACHYCARPAIN IN THE MUSCULAR-SKELETAL SYSTEM AND BLEEDING GUMS WHICH TOOK ON A PECULIAR BLUE HUE. SIXTY PER CENT OF CHICKENS, 75 PERCENT OF PIGS AND 70 PERCENT OF DOGS FELL ILL. THE VILLAGE DID NOT HAVE LARGE ANIMALS. ANIMALS EXHIBITED EXCESSIVE SALIVATION, VOMITING, POOR COORDINATION AND CONVULSIONS. THE SOURCE NOTICED THAT PAPAYA PLANTS DIED, BUT DID NOT NOTICE THE STATE OF TAPIOCA. WHEN VILLAGERS DIED THE SKIN TOOK ON A BLUE-BLACK HUE WITHIN ABOUT AN HOUR (I.E., SOONER THAN USUALLY EXPECTED). THEY RESEMBLED HMONG WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE BY INGESTING POISON.

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15. [] ALSO RECOUNTED AN ATTACK IN JULY 1980 WHICH HE SAID CAUSED 50 PERSONS IN THE VILLAGE TO DIE. HE BELIEVES THE HIGHER DEATH RATE WAS DUE TO LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE VILLAGERS WERE FACING AND HOW TO HELP THEMSELVES WITH HERBS AND OPIUM. HE SAID OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE VILLAGE WAS ILL FROM
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THAT ATTACK. MANY ANIMALS DIED. SYMPTOMS FROM THAT ATTACK WERE VOMITING WITHOUT BLOOD, DIARRHEA WITH BLOOD, BLURRED VISION, HEADACHE, WEAKNESS, ANOREXIA, COUGH WITH CHEST PAIN.

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16. [] SAID A THIRD INCIDENT OCCURRED IN MARCH 1981. AN AIRCRAFT WAS HEARD T NIGHT BUT NOT SEEN. YELLOW (4MM) AND DARK BLUE (10MM) SPOTS WERE NOTED IN THE MORNING. SYMPTOMS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE JULY 1980 ATTACK. ANIMALS AND PAPAYA WERE AFFECTED.

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FEMALE, 18, IS FROM PHA THONG A VILLAGE ABOUT ONE DAY'S WALK FROM KEO HA NA (UG2797). SHE REPORTED INCIDENTS IN JANUARY, MARCH, MAY 15, AND JUNE 1 1983, ALL OF WHICH INVOLVED YELLOW SPOTS. THE SYMPTOMS INCLUDED FEVER, BLURRED VISION, HEADACHE, WEVERTIGO, HEARING PROBLEMS, PAIN IN THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA BOTH WITH AND WITHOUT BLEEDING. SHE ESTIMATED 30 PERSONS ILL FROM 40 FAMILIES, BUT KNEW OF NO HUMAN DEATHS. "SOME" ANIMALS DIED.

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MALE, 32, SAID THAT HA SOLDIER IN THE LAO RESISTANCE. HE REPORTED THAT ON THREE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS IN LATE MAY-EARLY JUNE CHEMICAL AGENTS WERE DROPPED IN AN AREA FIVE BY TEN MILES SQUARE (APPROX. UG3501 TO UG4825), INCLUDING BAN THAVDANG AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY SAW 14 PERSONS DEAD AND HEARD THAT AT LEAST 100 DIED. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, DIFFERENT COLORED AGENTS WERE USED: YELLOW, GREEN AND RED IN THAT ORDER. HE DESCRIBED THE RED AGENT AS THE MOST LETHAL.

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WHILE THE YELLOW APPEARED TO BE A MOIST SUBSTANCE, THE
RED AND GREEN APPEARED AS POWDERS WHICH DISAPPEARED
WITHIN 12 TO 24 HOURS. HE SAID THAT SYMPTOMS OVERLAPPED;
HOWEVER, THE INTERVIEWER GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM THE
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SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION THAT THE RED AGENT CAUSED MORE
VIOLENT VOMITING AND DIARRHEA WITH BLEEDING WHICH LED
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TO UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND DEATH WITHIN A FEW HOURS. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE HMONG WERE TOO AFRAID OF THE RED AND GREEN POWDERS TO PICK THEM UP AS SAMPLES. HIS GROUP BROUGHT OUT A SAMPLE (APPARENTLY OF THE YELLOW SUBSTANCE) WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BANGKOK.

19. COMMENT: THERE IS ONE PERPLEXING ELEMENT IN THESE INTERVIEWS IN ADDITION TO THE INCONSISTENCIES ONE EXPECTS, GIVEN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL BARRIERS. THE REFERENCE TO BEE FECES WE BELIEVE WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE DATA BY DR. TOWNSEND'S QUESTIONS ON WHETHER THERE IS ANY LINKAGE BETWEEN YELLOW RAIN ATTACKS AND BEE FECES OR POLLEN.

20. WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS HAS CHANGED COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF FACTORS AFFECTING OUR ABILITY TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM LAOS. ON THE ONE HAND, WE HAVE MORE SOURCES IN SAN VINAI CAMP WHO ALSO KEEP AN EYE ON NEARBY BORDER CROSSING AREAS. ON THE OTHER HAND, NEWLY ARRIVING HMONG ARE NOW MOVED DIRECTLY TO CHIANG KHAM CAMP FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF SAN VINAI TO NEW ARRIVALS. GIVEN PRESENT RESOURCES, WE ARE UNABLE TO COVER THE THAI-LAO BORDER IN A WAY TO ENSURE THAT WE INTERVIEW ALL PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION RELATING TO CBW USE.

21. THE REPORTS ALSO SUGGEST THAT FEWER HMONG ARE DYING NOW THAN IN YEARS PAST. THESE INTERVIEWS APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THIS IS DUE AT LEAST IN PART TO THE GREATER EXPERIENCE OF THE HMONG IN DEALING WITH YELLOW RAIN. IT MAY ALSO BE DUE IN PART TO THE FLIGHT OF HMONG FROM CBW TARGET AREAS. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO VERIFY A
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DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT IF IT HAS IN FACT OCCURRED. WHETHER A DECREASE, IF ANY, IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IS ALSO DUE TO USE OF DIFFERENT CHEMICALS OR A DIFFERENT MIX OF CHEMICALS PREVIOUSLY IN USE MUST BE DETERMINED FROM LABORATORY ANALYSIS.

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