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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS USE -- RESPONSE TO
LISBON REQUEST FOR CORRECTION

REFS: A) LISBON 06697; B) STATE 214968

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1. REF A CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO SIGNIFICANT GARBLES IN

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THE CABLE (REF B) TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE LATEST (I.E., AUGUST 4) U.S. SUBMISSION TO THE UN ON CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS USE. CORRECTED TEXT OF THIS U.S. SUBMISSION FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW.

2. FOR LISBON: MAN BEATS MACHINE ONCE AGAIN. THANKS FOR ALERTING US.

3. CORRECTED TEXT OF AUGUST 4 U.S. SUBMISSION TO UN.

A. COVER LETTER TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL:

BEGIN TEXT:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT, ENCLOSED, A FURTHER REPORT ON THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS WHICH CONTAINS NEW EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. IT IS BASED ON THE SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF A SERIES OF BLOOD SAMPLES DRAWN-FROM VICTIMS OF EARLIER TOXIC ATTACKS-IN LAOS THAT WERE FROZEN FOR FUTURE ANALYSIS, AS WELL AS BLOOD SAMPLES DRAWN FROM VICTIMS OF A TOXIC ATTACK IN KAMPUCHEA IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

WE HAVE, OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, SUBMITTED A SERIES OF REPORTS PRESENTING THE EVIDENCE IN DETAIL. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN VIEW OF THE CONCERNS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS EXPRESSED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 35/144 C, 36/96 C, 37/98 D, AND 37/98 E, AND IN VIEW OF THE STUDY
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PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED UNDER YOUR DIRECTION ON MEANS OF DEALING WITH ALLEGATIONS OF USE OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND TOXIN WEAPONS, I REQUEST THAT THE ENCLOSED REPORT BE CIRCULATED AT AN EARLY DATE AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

END TEXT OF COVER LETTER.

B. "FURTHER REPORT ON USE OF CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS: NEW EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES"

BEGIN TEXT:

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RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO AIRCRAFT-DELIVERED TOXIC AGENT WARFARE ATTACKS IN LAOS ON THE 3RD, 11TH AND 16TH OF JANUARY 1982.

SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY THE VICTIMS INCLUDED: HEADACHE, NAUSEA, VOMITING WITH BLOOD, DIARRHEA WITH BLOOD, WEAKNESS, VERTIGO, DRUNKLIKE SENSATIONS, AND VISUAL DISTURBANCES. AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACKS, OF 154 PEOPLE INVOLVED, 44 DIED WITHIN 2 TO 5 DAYS OF EXPOSURE.

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ANALYSIS OF A BLOOD SAMPLE FROM ONE OF THE SURVIVING VICTIMS, A 10-YEAR OLD BOY, FOR T2 AND HT2 TRICHOHECENE TOXINS REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF 32 PPB HT2. THIS VICTIM ALSO WAS SUFFERING FROM MALARIA AND SHOWED A DEPRESSED WHITE CELL COUNT OF 4,200. THE BLOOD SAMPLES WERE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ABOVE, AND ANALYSIS WAS PERFORMED AT THE SAME PRIVATE U.S. LABORATORY USING IDENTICAL GC-MS TECHNIQUES.

SET III

ALSO ON 24-26 MARCH 1982 AT THE NONG KHAI CAMP, BLOOD SAMPLES WERE DRAWN FROM FOUR H'MONG WHO HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO ATTACKS ON 15 FEBRUARY 1982 IN LAOS. THE SURVIVORS REPORTED THAT TWO ATTACKS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST SEVERAL VILLAGES WITH A COLLECTIVE DEATH COUNT ESTIMATED TO BE

BETWEEN 88-100 PEOPLE. MOST OF THE VILLAGER'S CHICKENS AND HALF OF THEIR PIGS ALSO DIED. RICE, TAPIOCA, AND OTHER CROPS WERE AFFECTED AS WELL. SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY THE VICTIMS INCLUDED: FEVER, HEADACHE, NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA, DOUBLE VISION, COUGHING, CHEST PAIN, EYE IRRITATION AND TEARING, HEARING DIFFICULTY, FATIGUE, AND JAUNDICE.

BLOOD SAMPLES FROM THESE VICTIMS WERE HANDLED AND ANALYZED AS WITH THE OTHERS, FOR THE PRESENCE OF T2 AND HT2 TRICHOHECENE TOXINS. THE BLOOD OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS SHOWED THE PRESENCE OF 28 PPB T2 AND 16 PPB HT2 TOXIN. THIS INDIVIDUAL, A 35-YEAR OLD MALE, HAD ALSO BEEN EXPOSED TO A PREVIOUS TOXIC AGENT ATTACK IN MID-DECEMBER, 1981.

BLOOD WAS DRAWN AT THE SAME TIME FROM THREE CONTROL INDIVI-

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