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SUBJ: REPORTS OF LPDR CRACKDOWN ON HMONG

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: NEWLY-ARRIVED HMONG REFUGEES IN THAILAND, LOEI AND NONG KHAI PROVINCES TELL OF INCREASED LPDR EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PRE-1975 GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OF ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED RESISTANCE ACTIVISTS. ONE GROUP OF 140 PERSONS FLED AFTER WHAT THEY CLAIM WAS AN AIRBORNE CHEMICAL ATTACK AGAINST THEIR VIENTIANE PROVINCE VILLAGE. ALL OF THE NEW REFUGEE GROUPS HAVE APPARENT CONNECTIONS TO HMONG RESISTANCE FORCES IN LAOS. HMONG SPOKESMEN PREDICT MORE ESCAPES. WHILE UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW WIDESPREAD THESE INCIDENTS MIGHT BE, IT IS LIKELY THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE HMONG IN LAOS ARE IN FOR A ROUGH FUTURE AT THE HANDS OF THEIR COMMUNIST RULERS. END SUMMARY.

3. RECENT HMONG ARRIVALS IN THAI MEKONG RIVER DISTRICT
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TOWNS TELL OF TOUGH REPRESSION BY LPDR AUTHORITIES

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THEIR VILLAGE OF BAN PHUE HAE, MUANG SRISOMPHON DISTRICT (FORMER NAME: MUANG CHA DISTRICT), VIENTIANE PROVINCE, ABOUT 12 KILOMETERS NORTH OF NAM NGUM, ELEVEN DAYS EARLIER, IMMEDIATELY AFTER WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS AN AIRBORNE GAS OR CHEMICAL ATTACK. REFOFF EXAMINED THREE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN PREVIOUS CHEMICAL ATTACKS, ALTHOUGH GROUP LEADERS SAID MORE VICTIMS WERE AMONG THEM. (CBW UNIT WILL FOLLOW UP THIS INTERVIEW WITH FURTHER QUESTIONING AND WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN BLOOD SAMPLES. THESE PURPORTED INCIDENTS ARE APPARENTLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE REPORTED BY DAO IN BANGKOK TH 55975.)

8. ONE SEEMINGLY KNOWLEDGABLE MEMBER OF THE GROUP, [] CLAIMS HE WAS A LEADER OF THE BAN PHU HAE VILLAGE DEFENSE FORCES UNDER LPDR AUTHORITIES, AND THEREFORE REGULARLY ATTENDED PROPAGANDA MEETINGS WITH PL/VN OFFICIALS. HE PRODUCED A DIARY DURING INTERVIEW WITH REFOFF AND READ FROM NOTES HE CLAIMS HE TOOK DURING A MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1983 AT MUANG SRISOMPHON DISTRICT TOWN, BETWEEN PL/VN CADRE AND HMONG VILLAGE OFFICIALS FROM THE VARIOUS COMMUNES. THE MAIN POINTS PRESENTED BY THE CADRE WERE (A) YANG PAO WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO LAOS; (B) LAOS IS UNDER PL/VN SOVIET CONTROL; (C) THE UNITED STATES WAS LAUNCHING AIRBORN CHEMICAL ATTACKS AGAINST HMONG VILLAGERS, BUT THAT NOBODY SHOULD WORRY AS THE SOVIETS HAD A SPACE STATION WHICH COULD COMBAT THIS MENACE; (D) THE SOVIETS WERE RULERS OF THE WORLD; AND (E) THE UNITED STATES HAD KILLED 3,000 HMONG IN AIRBORNE GAS/CHEMICAL ATTACKS SINCE 1975.

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