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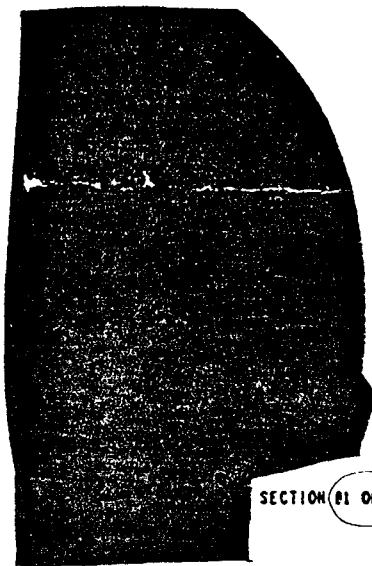
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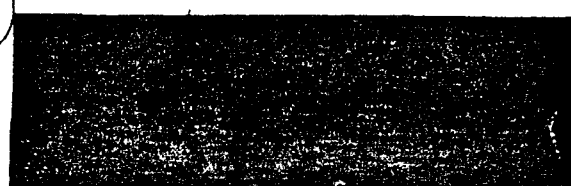
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SERIAL: 6 895 0383 83
COUNTRY: LAOS (L) THAILAND (TH)
SUBJ: 6 295 0303 ALLEGED USE OF GB/YELLOW RAIN AGAINST
HMONG
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INTELLIGENCE
DOI: 831222
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SUMMARY: THIS IR FORWARDS INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED
GB/YELLOW RAIN ATTACKS PERPETRATED ON THE HMONG IN
LAOS. THE REPORT ALSO INCLUDES REINTERVIEWS WITH HMONG
WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DEFINITELY
BEEN AN EYEWITNESS TO AN ATTACK BUT WHO UPON BEING RE-
INTERVIEWED EITHER DENIED BEING INVOLVED IN AN ATTACK
AND/OR STATED THEY WERE NOT AN EYEWITNESS BUT RATHER
HAD HEARD OF THE ATTACKS FROM FRIENDS. ENCLOSURES 1 AND 2
ARE THE ORIGINAL REPORTS ON THE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED
WITH WHOSE ACCOUNTS CHANGED
DURING THE REINTERVIEW.

TEXT. 1. PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT IS TO
FORWARD TRANSCRIPTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH HMONG WHO HAVE
EXPERIENCED ALLEGED CHEMICAL/YELLOW RAIN ATTACKS.
ADDITIONALLY AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO SHOW HOW THEY
HAVE MADE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS AND/OR HAVE DENIED
INVOLVEMENT DESPITE THE FACT THAT IN PREVIOUS INTER-
VIEWS TWO HAD STATED THEY HAD EXPERIENCED AN ATTACK.

2. INTERVIEWS:



4. THIS VILLAGE IS IN THE MOUNTAINS. HIS HAMLET
HAD 68 FAMILIES. THERE ARE 8 HAMLETS IN THE AREA WITH A
POPULATION OF OVER 500 FAMILIES. DURING THE INTERVIEW,
HE STATED THAT HE WAS A RESISTANCE FIGHTER AND LIVED
IN THE MOUNTAINS WHILE HIS FAMILY LIVED IN THE VILLAGE.
A COMPANY OF LAO SOLDIERS ALL LIVED PERMANENTLY IN THE
VILLAGE. SINCE HE WAS A FORMER VANG PAD SOLDIER HE
WAS UNABLE TO LIVE WITH HIS FAMILY. IN HIS RESISTANCE
GROUP THERE WERE 10 PERSONS, AND THEY WERE REQUIRED TO
BE CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE. IN MARCH 1983
TOOK HIS FAMILY FROM THE VILLAGE BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID
THE PL WOULD TAKE AWAY THE FAMILIES OF THE RESISTANCE
FIGHTER. AT THIS TIME THE ENTIRE FAMILY RESIDED IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

DURING THE INTERVIEW, STATED THAT HE
SAW THE USE OF CHEMICLAS WITH HIS OWN EYES. HE STATED
THAT THE PL USED A YELLOW AND YELLOW/WHITE POWDER WHICH
THEY MIX WITH GASOLINE WHEN THE COMPOUND IS BURNED, IT
PRODUCES A WHITE SMOKE. TO EMPLOY THIS WEAPON THE PL
WAITED UNTIL THE WIND WAS BLOWING IN THE DIRECTION THEY
WANTED THE SMOKE TO DRIFT. THE SMOKE ALLEGEDLY CAUSED
THE VILLAGERS TO BECOME SICK.

STATED THAT ONE OF THE RESISTANCE MEMBERS
HAD GOTTEN SOME OF THIS COMPOUND AND HAD SHOWN IT TO
THEIR UNIT LEADER. THE COMPOUND APPARENTLY
WAS NOT DANGEROUS UNLESS BURNED AND IT SMELLED LIKE
CIGARETTES. ALSO ADMITTED THAT THIS
INFORMATION WAS HERESAY AND THAT HE HAD NEVER PERSONALLY
SMELLED IT. DURING THE PERIOD MARCH - JUNE 1983,

STATED THAT THERE WERE MANY AIRPLANES WHICH
DROPPED CHEMICALS. THE PLANES WERE VERY HIGH AND THE
WEATHER WAS GOOD. THE CHEMICAL LOOKED LIKE WHITE SMOKE
WHEN DROPPED. DURING ONE INCIDENT, THE PLANE CIRCLED

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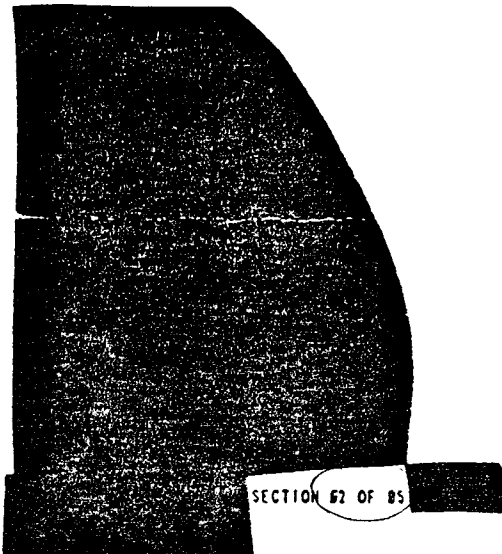
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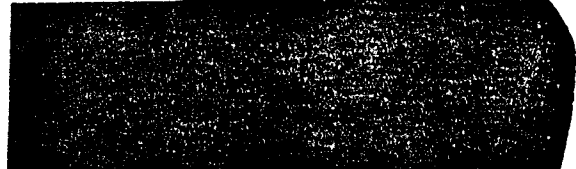
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Interview with individual B



HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ALWAYS HUNTED BY THE PL/VIETNAMESE WHO WERE ARMED WITH SMALL ARMS AND TRAVELED ONLY ON FOOT. HE CLAIMED THAT THE COMMUNIST HAD NO ARMOR, AIR, ARTILLERY, OR EVEN JEEPS. SINCE THE HMONG WERE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN, IT WAS EASY FOR HIS GROUP TO ESCAPE UNDETECTED.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT PHU HE HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY CHEMICALS TWO (2) TIMES EVERY MONTH FOR FIVE (5) YEARS AND THAT HE HAD SEEN OVER 30 ATTACKS WITH HIS OWN EYES. HE WAS A WITNESS TO SIX (6) DEATHS. HE ALSO STATED HE NEVER SAW ANY LARGE ANIMALS DIE-ONLY CHICKENS. HIS OWN SYMPTOMS WERE CHEST PAIN, COLD FEELING AND DIZZINESS. THE DIZZINESS HAS REMAINED (MOSTLY IN THE MORNING) AND DURING THE DAY HE ALSO FEELS COLD. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PHU HE AREA BEING CONTROLLED BY THE PL AND VN, HE STATED THAT ON THIS DAY THE RED HMONG, PL AND VN WERE IN MUANG CHA. WHEN THEY RETURNED AND THE VILLAGERS SHOWED THEM THE SPOTS, THE COMMUNIST THEN DRANK WATER FROM A COVERED WELL WITH THE VILLAGERS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT NO PIGS DIED SINCE THEY WERE KEPT UNDER COVER.

first interview

NOTE: IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW A MEMBER OF A RESISTANCE GROUP LIVING IN THE JUNGLE COULD HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRST HAND THE ATTACKS HE PROVIDES ACCOUNTS FOR. DURING THE SECOND INTERVIEW WHEN ASKED HOW HE

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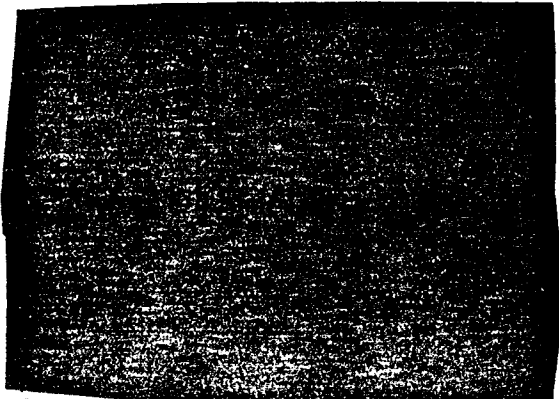
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FOR 40 MINUTES OVER THE VILLAGE (WFI). TWO (2) DAYS LATER SPOTS APPEARED ON VEGETATION AND ON THE GROUND. WITHIN 2-3 DAYS AFTER THE SPOTS APPEARED THE VILLAGERS GOT SICK. LOTS OF CHICKENS AND PIGS DIED (WFI). ESTIMATED THAT 30 OF THE VILLAGERS WERE SICK WITH SIX (6) PERSONS (4 MEN AND 2 WOMEN) EVENTUALLY DYING. THE VILLAGERS ALLEGEDLY DIED FROM HEMORRHAGES AND NOSE BLEED. THEY ALSO HAD BLACK SPOTS ON THEIR SKIN AFTER DEATH. THE OTHER SICK VILLAGERS HAD HEADACHES, NOSE BLEEDS AND ABDOMINAL PAIN.

NOTE: THIS WITNESS HAD ALREADY STATED THAT HE WAS IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH HIS FAMILY BEGINNING IN MARCH 1963. HE FAILED TO ANSWER HOW HE COULD OBSERVE THE ATTACK ON THE VILLAGE AND THE SUBSEQUENT EVENTS WHILE HE WAS RESIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS. ADDITIONALLY IT WOULD SEEM THAT A PLANE RELEASING CHEMICAL/SMOKE LINE SUBSTANCES AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE HIGH ENOUGH WHERE HE COULD APPARENTLY HEAR BUT NOT CLEARLY SEE THE PLANE: WOULD HAVE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME INSURING THE SUBSTANCE LANDED ACCURATELY ON TARGET.

Interview with individual A

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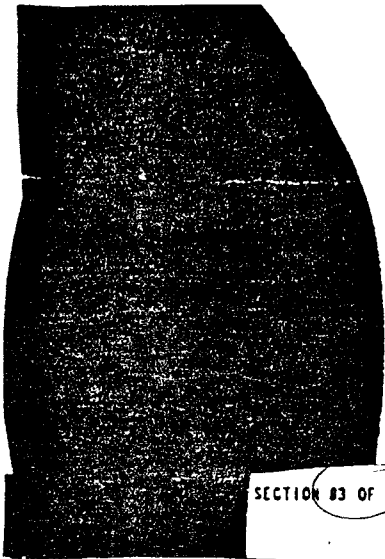
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KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT THE ATTACKS WHILE STILL BEING A RESISTANCE FIGHTER IN THE JUNGLE AND RICE FIELDS. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT PERSONALLY SEE THE ATTACKS BUT RATHER HAD RECEIVED ACCOUNTS OF THE ATTACKS FROM OTHERS. ALSO DURING THE REINTERVIEW, HE DENIES THAT PIGS WERE KILLED. THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE ACCOUNT RELATED IN FIRST INTERVIEW (SEE USDAO IR 6 895 0284 83/0289322 NOV 83 AND ENCLOSURE 1 TO THIS IR.



- 4. WHEN REINTERVIEWED, [REDACTED] DENIED EVER TELLING A STORY ABOUT ALLEGED CBW ATTACK TO A NURSE OR EVER HAVING EXPERIENCED A CBW ATTACK. SHE DID STATE THAT AIRPLANES FLEW OVER HER VILLAGE ONCE EVERY TWO (2) OR THREE (3) DAYS BUT AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE PROVIDED A BLOOD SAMPLE.
NOTE: SEE USDAO IR 6 895 0284 83/0289322 NOV 83 AND ENCLOSURE 2 TO THIS IR FOR [REDACTED] FIRST INTERVIEW WHILE STATING SHE EXPERIENCED A CBW ATTACK AND SUBSEQUENT SYMPTOMS IN HER FIRST INTERVIEW, SHE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CBW ATTACKS OR BEING A VICTIM IN THE REINTERVIEW. IN ADDITION WHEN INTERVIEWER REINTERVIEWED THE OLDER BROTHER OF [REDACTED] THE OLDER BROTHER TOLD OF GASSING ATTACKS BUT DENIED ITS REALITY WHEN THE INTERVIEWER TALKED TO HIM ALONE OUTSIDE.

- 4. HE RELATED THAT SINCE 1975 HE HAS BEEN A FARMER AND HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE RESISTANCE. HE CLAIMS THAT HE PAID 80 KILOS OF RICE PER FAMILY PER YEAR IN TAXES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CBW ATTACKS HE STATED THAT HE SAW YELLOW COLORED SPOTS IN HUANG NOM LAST YEAR. HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT HE SAW THEM EVERY MONTH-ALL THE TIME. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ALL THE CHILDREN WERE SICK. THIS PROBLEM (SICKNESS) EXISTED AT MANY PLACES AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES. [REDACTED] COULD NOT REMEMBER THE EXACT DETAILS OR PRECISELY WHEN IT HAPPENED BUT HE WAS SURE IT WAS NOT DURING THE RAINY SEASON. HE SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE SUSPICIOUS THAT IT WAS A CHEMICAL ATTACK THAT CAUSED THE SPOTS AND SICKNESS. HE EXPLAINED THAT SOME ETHNIC LAO PEOPLE DRANK WATER FROM A WELL CONTAMINATED BY THE YELLOW RAIN AND FELL DOWN LIKE THEY WERE DRUNK. HE STATED THAT ONE GIRL GOT HIT ON THE SKIN WITH THE YELLOW SUBSTANCE AND BECAME SICK WITHIN 40 MINUTES. SHE HAD THE SYMPTOMS OF MALARIA. SOME OF THE MEN ALSO GOT HIT BUT THEY DID NOT GET SICK. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE EFFECT ON CROPS HE HAD NO COMMENT BUT DID STATE THAT LEAVES ON TREES DIED ALL THE TIME.

NOTE: THERE WERE NO DISCREPANCIES NOTED ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] SEEMED TO BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF THE ALLEGED ATTACKS.



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Interview with individual D

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Second interview of individual C (a Hmong woman) First interview was in Nov 1983. Also common a Hmong man who changed his story on talking interview

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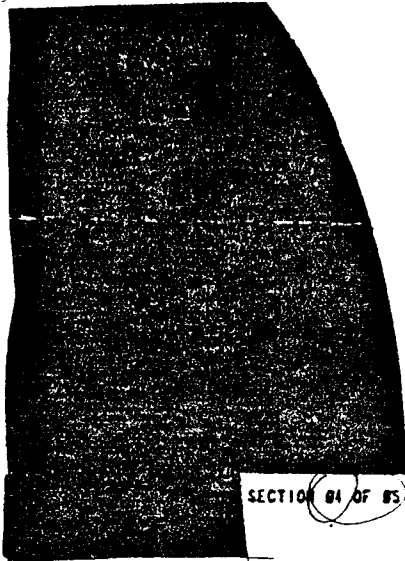
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ABOUT HER MEDICAL TREATMENT. WHEN ASKED HOW SHE COULD REMEMBER TWO DATES FROM TWO YEARS AGO AND NOT RECALL DATES OF A MUCH MORE RECENT VISIT TO THE BAN VINAI HOSPITAL, SHE ANSWERED THAT SHE FIGURED OUT THE DATES OF THE ATTACK FROM THE MMONG CALENDAR.

NOTE: IF SHE COULD FIGURE OUT TWO YEAR OLD DATES USING THE MMONG CALENDAR, WHY COULDN'T SHE ALSO FIGURE OUT THE DATES OF HER VISIT TO THE BAN VINAI HOSPITAL USING THE SAME CALENDAR? IT MUST BE NOTED ALSO THAT DATES OF AN OLD, TRAUMATIC EVENT SOMETIMES ARE REMEMBERED BETTER THAN RECENT EVENTS.

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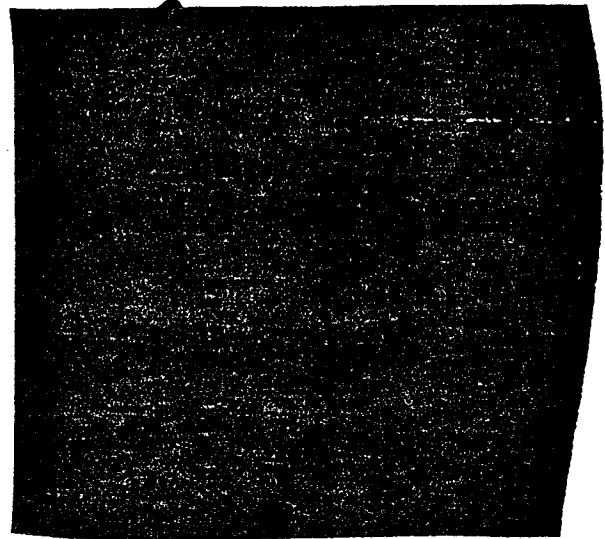
- 4. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE ARRIVED FROM LAOS IN APRIL 1983.

[REDACTED] SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE AND FIVE (5) OTHER GIRLS WERE SWIMMING IN A RIVER ON 18 APRIL 1981, AND WHEN THEY RETURNED TO GET THEIR CLOTHES, THERE WERE YELLOW SPOTS ON THEM. SHE SAID THAT EARLIER SHE HAD HEARD THE NOISE OF AN AIRCRAFT BUT HAD NOT SEEN IT. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS DRESSED AND THAT THE NEXT MORNING SHE FELT ITCHY. HER SKIN HAD A REDDISH COLOR AND EVENTUALLY HER SKIN GOT DARK BLOTCHES.

ON 24 APRIL 1981 SHE WENT TO A VIENTIANE HOSPITAL AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION FROM THE VILLAGE MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THE DOCTOR IN VIENTIANE EXAMINED HER AND SAID THAT HE HAD NO MEDICINE TO TREAT HER PROBLEM. SHE THEN RETURNED TO HER VILLAGE.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE OTHER FIVE (5) GIRLS, SHE STATED THAT THEY WERE "A LITTLE SICK". SHE ALSO IMPLIED THAT BECAUSE HER CLOTHES WERE ON THE TOP OF THE PILE, HERS HAD ALL OR MOST OF THE YELLOW SPOT SUBSTANCE WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE CLOTHES WERE RELATIVELY UNAFFECTED. WHEN ASKED WHY SHE DID NOT WASH HER CLOTHES BEFORE PUTTING THEM ON WITH A DANGEROUS YELLOW SUBSTANCE, SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW AT THE TIME THAT THE YELLOW SPOTS WERE DANGEROUS/HARMFUL. APPARENTLY NOBODY ELSE IN HER FAMILY BECAME ILL. SHE DID STATE THAT AFTER THE SKIN ERUPTIONS, SHE HAD A LUNG PROBLEM AND SHE STILL HAD A BAD COUGH WHEN INTERVIEWED.

WHEN ASKED IF SHE HAD SOUGHT ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TREATMENT, SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD THrice GONE TO SEE A DOCTOR IN THE BAN VINAI CAMP AND THAT BLOOD HAD BEEN DRAWN. SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE DATES AND WAS VAGUE



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Seeley, Akwatanakul and I interviewed this Hmong woman at Ban Vinai in March 1984. We showed her bee feces on leaves and asked her to tell us what the spots were. She said they were yellow rain.

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