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SUBJECT: REPORTED TOXIC CHEMICAL ATTACK

1. SECRET/NOFORN ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA (PRK) TROOPS REPORTEDLY FIRED TOXIC CHEMICAL SHELLS AT KHMER SEREI TROOPS IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE ON 24 DECEMBER 1983. THESE ARTILLERY SHELLS FUNCTIONED BOTH UPON GROUND IMPACT AND IN THE AIR AND EXPELLED YELLOW OR LIGHT BLUE SMOKE, CAUSING LOSS OF STRENGTH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH AND DISORIENTATION AMONG THE VICTIMS. A GREEN SMOKE WAS RELEASED FROM SOME OF THE SHELLS CAUSING VOMITING, BLEEDING FROM THE EYES, EARS AND NOSE. SEVERAL KHMER SEREI SOLDIERS WERE REPORTEDLY INJURED IN THE ATTACK, SOME BY TOXIC CHEMICALS. ALL CASUALTIES WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE KHAO I-DANG REFUGEE CAMP HOSPITAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE BANGKOK JOINT CBW TEAM WOULD INVESTIGATE THIS ALLEGED USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS BY THE PRK.

4. NOTE: WE MUST INSIST ON STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE NOFORN CAVEAT. SHULTZ

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