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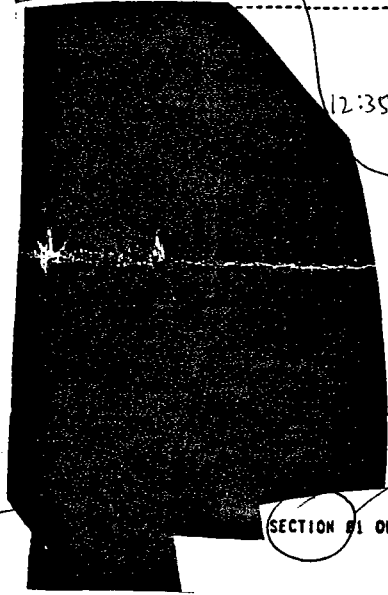
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2. THE SECOND AMONG INTERVIEWED WAS WHO ARRIVED ON 11 NOVEMBER 1983.

HE STATED THAT IN APRIL-MAY 1982 (UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC) THERE WAS A YELLOW RAIN INCIDENT AT PHU LUE. HE STATED HE SAW A 2 WINGED AIRCRAFT (BIPLANE) AND HELICOPTER. THE BIPLANE DROPPED A SUBSTANCE WHICH WAS YELLOW IN COLOR. HE FURTHER STATED THAT AFTER THE SUBSTANCE HIT THE GROUND AND SURROUNDING FOLIAGE, HE OBSERVED YELLOW SPOTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA (NOT SPECIFIC ON SIZE OF THE AREA). AFTER THE ATTACK, MANY OF THE VILLAGES (UNABLE TO PROVIDE EXACT NUMBER) BECAME SICK WITH THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS- DIZZINESS, SORE THROAT, RED EYES, AND COLDS. AFTER 7-8 DAYS, MANY PEOPLE DIED (UNABLE TO PROVIDE EXACT NUMBER AND WAS UNSURE OF THE TIME PERIOD 7-8 DAYS). HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT SOME TIME AFTER THE ATTACK (NO SPECIFIC TIME FRAME GIVEN) WHILE WALKING IN THE JUNGLE HE OBSERVED A CANNISTER (LONG PIPE APPEARANCE MADE OF AN ALUMINUM SUBSTANCE) WHICH HE BELIEVED TO BE A YELLOW RAIN DISPENSER. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS A YELLOW SUBSTANCE/RESIDUE IN THE CANNISTER WHICH HE DID NOT TOUCH BECAUSE HE FEARED IT MIGHT BE THE YELLOW RAIN. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS WRITING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE CANNISTER. HE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHAT THE WRITING LOOKED LIKE OR SAID NOR COULD HE DESCRIBE THE CANNISTER IN ANY OTHER TERMS OTHER THAN IT LOOKED LIKE A LONG THIN PIPE (NO SPECIFIC DATA ON LENGTH OR CIRCUMFERENCE). WHEN ASKED TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE ATTACK AND ITS AFTERMATH, [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO DO SO.

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Dec 7, 1983

SUMMARY: THIS (R/ FORWARDS INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED YELLOW RAIN INCIDENTS. THE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM AMONG REFUGEES WHO HAD RECENTLY CROSSED OVER INTO THAILAND FROM LAOS.

TEXT: 1. THE FIRST AMONG INTERVIEWED WAS A 35 YEAR OLD SCHOOL TEACHER NAMED WHO ARRIVED ON 2 DECEMBER 1983. HE SAID HE

UNABLE TO LOCATE ON MAP OR IN GAZETTEER). ALLEGES THAT IN JULY-AUGUST 1982 (UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC) THE INHABITANTS (400 PERSONS) OF HOUEI OUA BECAME SICK. HE STATED THAT HE OBSERVED A SUBSTANCE FALLING FROM THE SKY VICINITY OF NAM NGUM DAM. (18 32N/ 102 34E). THE SUBSTANCE WHEN MIXED WITH THE WATER FORMED INTO GREEN AND RED COLORED DROPS AND WAS A YELLOW COLOR WHEN OBSERVED STUCK TO STONES. THE VILLAGE HE WAS IN WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS FROM THE RIVER. HE STATED THAT FIVE (5) PERSONS (ALL CHILDREN) DIED. APPARENTLY EVERYONE WAS SICK AND HAD THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS- DIARRHEA, COLDS AND RED EYES. SICKNESS LASTED 7-8 DAYS (TIME FRAME NOT SPECIFIC). VILLAGERS USED OPIUM MIXED WITH WATER AS A MEANS TO CURE THE SICKNESS. WHEN ASKED TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE ATTACK AND THE AFTERMATH, [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO DO SO.

3. THE NAMES OF THE PLACES WHERE THE ALLEGED
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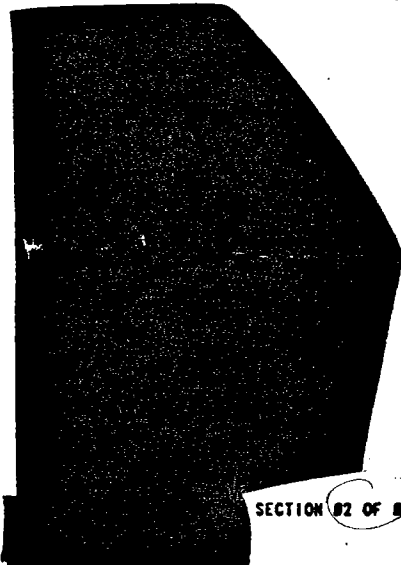
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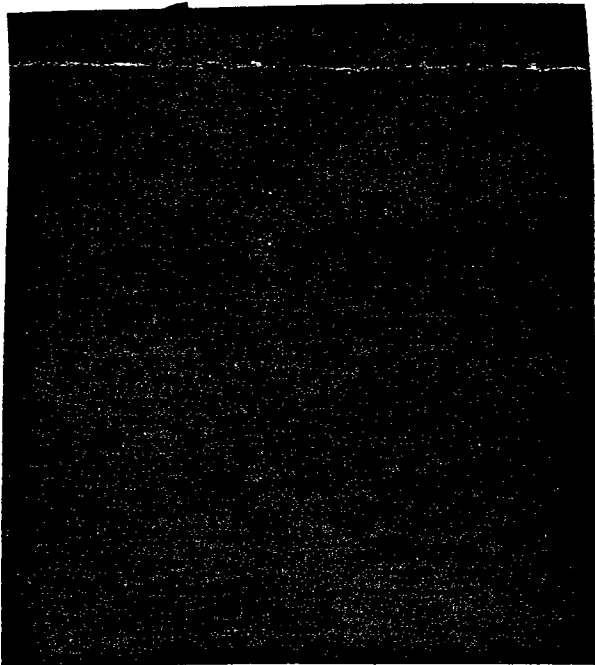
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INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE WERE PROVIDED BY THE HMONG TO THE INTERPRETER WHO ATTEMPTED TO WRITE THE NAME IN ENGLISH. WHEN HMONG WAS ASKED TO SHOW LOCATION OF THEIR VILLAGE ON A MAP, THEY WERE UNABLE TO DO SO. [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO FIND THE PLACE NAMES IN THE GAZETTEER. CONSEQUENTLY THE LOCATIONS PROVIDED IN PARA 1 AND 2 OF REPORT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS BEING VERY GENERAL IN NATURE.



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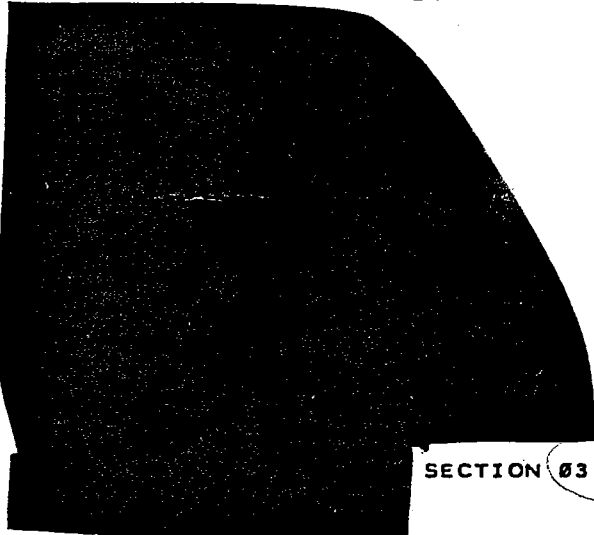
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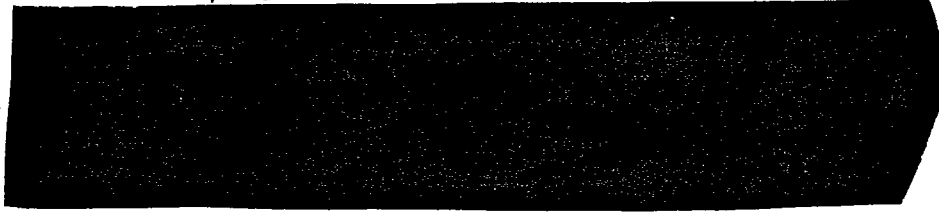
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