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C. AFNIC DOC, SUBJ: SUGGESTED COLLECTION GUIDANCE FOR MEDICAL SAMPLES SUSPECTED OF CONTAMINATION WITH YELLOW RAIN, UNDATED

THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL 1. (U) ON JANUARY 7, 1984, CBW TEAM CHIEF TRAVELLED TO BAN SANGAE (TA 4839), AND BAN SANGAE (TA 7455) TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED TOXIC CHEMICAL ATTACK OF DECEMBER 24, 1983 WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF REFTELS.

A. (U) PVT. [REDACTED] (M-POB: 1957, PHNOM PENH; WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE MSF PHYSICIANS WITHOUT BOUNDARIES) SECTION OF THE KHAO I DANG HOSPITAL. HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS PART OF A 300 MAN RESISTANCE GROUP WHICH MADE CONTACT WITH A SUPERIOR FORCE OF PAVN AT 1200 HOURS ON DECEMBER 24, 1983. HE STATED THAT PAVN INTENDED TO ATTACK BAN SANGAE AND THAT THE BAN SANGAE CAMP COMMANDER KHEW THIS AND SENT HIS UNIT OUT TO FRUSTRATE PAVN'S PLANS. THE SOURCE STATED THAT PAVN ATTACKED HIS UNIT ABOUT ONE DAY'S WALK FROM BAN SANGAE AT PHUM TREANG VILLAGE, THMO JOUA DISTRICT (TA 9142), BANTAY CHHMR SUBPROVINCE. PAVN AND THE RESISTANCE EXCHANGED FIRE FROM A DISTANCE OF 50 METERS AND PAVN WAS EQUIPPED WITH SMALL ARMS, 75

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RECOILESS, RPG'S, AND 82 MORTARS. THE CONTACT TOOK PLACE IN AN AREA EASY FOR MANOEUVER AS IT WAS UNFORESTED. THERE WAS A STRONG WIND BLOWING FROM THE KPNLF REAR TOWARD THE PAVN LINE AND PAVN FIRED ALL OF THEIR WEAPONS TO FORCE THE RESISTANCE TO KEEP THEIR HEADS DOWN AND THEN FIRED GROUND EXPLODING YELLOW, BLUE, AND GREEN COLORED CHEMICAL ROUNDS TO THE REAR OF THE KPNLF. THE WIND CARRIED THE CHEMICAL TO THE RESISTANCE (AND SUPPOSEDLY TO THE PAVN). THE SOURCE ORIGINALLY STATED THAT HE WAS AFFECTED BY YELLOW COLORED SMOKE BUT LATER SAID THAT HE WAS AFFECTED BY BLUE AND GREEN COLORED SMOKE AND THAT HIS FRIENDS SAW YELLOW COLORED SMOKE.

B. (U) THE SOURCE STATED THAT SIX OTHERS IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF BECAME ILL. THE SYMPTOMS WERE DIZZINESS, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING, PARALYSIS, AND A "CLOSED EYES" BUT CONSCIOUS STATE WHERE THE HEARING OF THE WIND AND THE STEPS OF HIS FRIENDS CARRYING HIM BACK TO BAN SANGAE WAS UNIMPAIRED. THE SOURCE STATED THAT HE STILL FELT WEAR AND THAT HE HAD NO STRENGTH IN HIS BODY. THE SOURCE STATED THAT THERE WERE SIX OTHER CHEMICAL ATTACK VICTIMS AND 6 OR 7 INDIVIDUALS VIA BY TRADITIONAL WEAPONS. HE HAD NO ESTIMATE OF PAVN CASUALTIES. THE SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT TWO THAI OFFICIALS INTERVIEWED HIM ON JAN. 6 REGARDING THE INCIDENT AND, WHEN ASKED, STATED THAT THE THAI OFFICIALS DID NOT DRAW A BLOOD SAMPLE FROM HIM.

C. (U) A HELPFUL MSF PHYSICIAN AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE FRENCH ARMY MEDICAL CORPS HAD TWO 3 CC BLOOD SAMPLES DRAWN FOR USG USE. THE PHYSICIAN STATED THAT THE SOURCE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TREATED FOR HEPATITIS AT THE HOSPITAL AND WAS IN FACT STILL SUFFERING FROM THAT DISEASE. THE PHYSICIAN WISHED

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THAT THE SOURCE DID NOT SUFFER FROM A CHEMICAL ATTACK BUT FROM A "PSYCHOLOGICAL DISEASE" CAUSED BY THE SOURCE'S SUPERIORS.

D. (U) THE SOURCE WAS THE ONLY ALLEGED CHEMICAL VICTIM TREATED AT THE MSF SECTION OF THE HOSPITAL. ALL OTHERS WERE TREATED AT THE SECTION RUN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC). THE CANADIAN ICRC HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT ICRC MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A TOXIC CHEMICAL ATTACK AND DIAGNOSED THE PATIENTS AS VICTIMS OF SMOKE INHALATION. SHE SAID THAT THEIR CONDITION QUICKLY STABILIZED AND THEY WERE DISCHARGED AFTER TWO DAYS EXCEPT FOR THE ONE INDIVIDUAL TRANSFERRED TO THE MSF SECTION. THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR DID NOT GIVE THE TOTAL NUMBER ADMITTED.

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EXPERIENCING ABDOMINAL PAIN AND NOTED THAT HE COULD NOT SEE CLEARLY FOR 6 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT. HE CLAIMED THAT FOUR OF HIS MEN WERE STILL AT THE KHAO I DANG HOSPITAL AND THAT THEIR NAMES WERE [REDACTED]

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1. (C) THE SOURCE STATED THAT PAVN SUFFERED 15 KIA AND 15 WIA. THE RESISTANCE FORCES SUFFERED 17 WIA (8 OF THESE CHEMICAL) AND 1 KIA. THE SOURCE HIMSELF DISPLAYED A FEW SUPERFICIAL SHRAPNEL WOUNDS ON HIS CHEST WHICH HE SAID WERE CAUSED BY A RPG.

2. (U) ON 9 JAN 83, BLOOD SAMPLES DRAWN FROM THE VICTIM WERE GIVEN TO THE ROYAL THAI ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT FOR TESTING. THE OFFICIAL ACCEPTING THE SAMPLES AGREED TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TESTS IAW REF C: WHITE BLOOD COUNT AND DIFFERENTIAL, HEMOGLOBIN, HEMATOCRIT, RETICULOCYTE COUNT, MEAN CELL VOLUME, BUN, CREATININE, GGT OR SGPT, AND ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE. HE ALSO AGREED TO FURNISH THIS POST RESULTS OF THE TESTS.

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