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1. (U) THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 1985.

2. (C) SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

- A. (LOU) ALLEGED CBW USE INCIDENTS WERE MINIMAL DURING THIS PERIOD BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL WET SEASON FIGHTING LULLS. DESPITE CONTINUING, REGULAR VISITS TO HMONG AND KHMER BORDER CAMPS, THE TEAM DID NOT COME ACROSS ALLEGATIONS OF CBW USE WARRANTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

- B. (LOU) AT THE REQUEST OF THE KING OF THAILAND, THE TEAM ACTED IN AN ADVISORY ROLE TO THE ROYAL THAI ARMY (RTA) SURGEON GENERAL AND MEDICAL STAFF TO RULE OUT POSSIBILITIES OF CHEMICAL SABOTAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SEVERAL DEATHS AT THE RTA INFANTRY TRAINING CENTER.

- C. (U) THE TEAM DOCTOR VISITED TWO HMONG VILLAGES IN NAN PROVINCE WHICH HAD BEEN INDICATED AS POSSIBLE SITES FOR A HMONG VILLAGE BACKGROUND STUDY. ONE VILLAGE WAS SELECTED AS BEING APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDY AND ANOTHER AS A CONTROL. THE TEAM INTENDS TO CONDUCT THE BACKGROUND STUDY IN THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1985 TIMEFRAME, WHEN VILLAGERS WILL USE THEIR OLDEST FOOD SUPPLIES AND WHEN MULTI-MONTH COOL TEMPERATURES AND HIGH RELATIVE HUMIDITY POTENTIALLY WILL HAVE

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AFFECTED THE QUALITY OF STORED FOOD.

- D. (C/NF) THE TEAM HAS CONTINUED TO BUILD SOLID RELATIONSHIPS WITH THAI ARMY [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE TIMELINESS OF USE INVESTIGATIONS, FACILITATE ACCESS TO BORDER AREAS OF INTEREST, AND ALLOW THE TEAM TO EXAMINE SUSPECTED CHEMICAL MUNITIONS AND ALLEGED VICTIMS.

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- E. (C/NF) THE TEAM HAS EMPHASIZED TO ITS KHMER CONTACTS THE HIGH IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO ACQUIRING PROMPTLY ANY SUSPECT ORDNANCE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT MERITING EXAMINATION. ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE TEAM USUALLY HAVE FIRST BEEN DISARMED. AS OF THIS REPORT, THE

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TEAM'S CHEMICAL OFFICER HAS CHECKED THREE 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, ONE 60MM MORTAR ROUND, TWO B40 ROUNDS, AND THREE LAND MINES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE FOREIGN SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER (FSTC) AND THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA), ALL THESE ITEMS WERE HIGH EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. IT APPEARS THAT, IN SOME CASES, KHMER GUERRILLAS ASSUME THAT WEAPONS WITH DIFFERENT PAINT SCHEMES THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY ENCOUNTERED MUST BE CHEMICAL ROUNDS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DO NOT FIT THIS PATTERN.

3. (U) ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

- A. TRAVEL: DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, U.S. TEAM MEMBERS LOGGED 34 MAN DAYS OF TRAVEL IN THAILAND OUTSIDE OF BANGKOK.

- B. EQUIPMENT: TWO VEHICULAR SINGLE SIDE BAND RADIOS ARRIVED AND WERE INSTALLED IN TEAM LAND CRUISERS

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IN MAY. THESE WILL ENABLE TEAM MEMBERS TO REMAIN IN
CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER AND THE EMBASSY DURING SPLIT
OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD. THE RADIOS HAVE AN EFFECTIVE
OPERATING RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 800 KM.

4. (C) CONCLUSIONS TO DATE:

- A. INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF
"YELLOW RAIN" AGAINST THE HMONG IN LAOS REMAINS TOO
INCOMPLETE OR IMPLAUSIBLE ON WHICH TO BASE CONCLUSIONS.
THE LACK OF ANALYSIS RESULTS OF ALLEGED AGENT SAMPLES
ADDS TO THE PROBLEM.

- B. THE PROBABLE USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS, AND
THE POSSIBLE USE OF AN INCAPACITANT, MAY HAVE OCCURRED
AGAINST KHMER RESISTANCE FORCES. DEFINITION OF THE
ALLEGED USE OF AN INCAPACITANT OR KNOCK-OUT GAS CANNOT
BE MADE BECAUSE OF CONTRIBUTING FACTORS SUCH AS MALARIA,
CONCUSSION, SMOKE INHALATION AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE
LACK OF TIMELY ACCESS TO "VICTIMS."

5. (S/NF) REMAINING ISSUES:

- A. (LOU) THE TEAM'S RELATIONS WITH THAI AUTHORITIES

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CONTINUE TO BE HAMPERED BY ITS INABILITY TO PASS ON TO THEM THE RESULTS OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES AND CBW-RELATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT SENT IN FOR EXAMINATION. RTA OFFICERS HAVE RAISED THIS
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MATTER IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE RTA WILL CONTINUE TO RESTRICT THE TEAM'S ACCESS TO CERTAIN BORDER REGIONS SO LONG AS THE TEAM REMAINS UNABLE TO SHARE WITH THEM ANALYSIS RESULTS.

- B. (S/NF) THE TEAM BELIEVES THAT IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO RESEARCH BOTH THE TOXIC AND NON-LETHAL EFFECTS OF DA AND DC AGENTS AND EBR'S TO SEE IF ANY CONNECTION MAY BE MADE WITH SOME OF THE EFFECTS CLAIMED BY RESISTANCE FORCES. IN THE CASE OF DA, IT MAY BE PARTICULARLY VALID IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE VIETNAMESE ANTIDOTE REPORTEDLY CONTAINS CHLOROFORM. INHALATION OF CHLOROFORM IS NOTED IN A SPECIAL FORCES MEDICAL HANDBOOK FOR SYMPTOMATIC RELIEF OF VOMITING AGENT SYMPTOMS. BROWN

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