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1. (C) AS REQUESTED REF A, A REPORT ON THE JOINT CBW INVESTIGATIVE TEAM'S TRIP TO PAKISTAN IS SUBMITTED BELOW. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH EMBASSY ISLAMABAD.

2. (U) RESPONDING TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON (REF B), THE CBW TEAM DOCTOR AND CHEMICAL OFFICER UNDERTOOK A TWO-WEEK VISIT TO PAKISTAN ON OCTOBER 13, 1985. THE TRIP'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO PERFORM AN INITIAL SURVEY OF CHEMICAL WARFARE ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING AFGHANISTAN AND TO EVALUATE EQUIPMENT AND MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE, QUICK-REACTION DEPLOYMENTS.

3. (U) TEAM DEPLOYMENT. THE TEAM TRAVELED FROM BANGKOK TO ISLAMABAD, THRU KARACHI, BY COMMERCIAL AIR. BASED ON INFORMATION CABLED FROM BANGKOK, AMCONSUL  
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KARACHI FACILITATED THE TEAM'S PASSAGE THROUGH PAKISTANI CUSTOMS AT KARACHI AIRPORT. THE CONSULATE GAVE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL, DESCRIBING THE UNUSUAL EQUIPMENT IT CARRIED AND ASSURING THAT ALL SUCH ITEMS WOULD BE RE-EXPORTED UPON THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE. AN URDU-SPEAKING FSN EXPEDITOR MET THE TEAM ON ARRIVAL AND ASSISTED ITS PASSAGE THROUGH CUSTOMS PROCEDURES. WITHOUT THE EXPEDITOR'S ASSISTANCE, CUSTOMS CLEARANCE DURING BOTH ENTRY TO AND EXIT FROM PAKISTAN WOULD HAVE INVOLVED MAJOR PROBLEMS. RE-IMPORT OF TEAM EQUIPMENT INTO THAILAND WAS EASED BY EMBASSY BANGKOK PERSONNEL AT THE AIRPORT.

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- A. TEAM EQUIPMENT.

- (1) TEAM EQUIPMENT WAS SPLIT INTO ESSENTIAL CARRY-ON ITEMS AND ANCILLARY GEAR. THE DOCTOR CARRIED MEDICAL EXAM/EVALUATION EQUIPMENT AND TEAM EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN A SHOULDER BAG ABOUT 14"L X 10"W X 6"D. THE CHEMICAL OFFICER CARRIED SAMPLE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT IN A PHOTOGRAPHER'S BAG ABOUT 15"L X 10"W X 10"H.

- (2) ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS ADDITIONAL COLLECTION CONTAINERS, DETECTION KITS, AND VIDEO CAMERA WERE CONTAINED IN A GREY ARMY FOOTLOCKER WHICH WAS SENT AS CHECKED BAGGAGE.

- (3) EQUIPMENT LISTS CAN BE PROVIDED TO ADDRESSEES IF DESIRED.

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- B. ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS.

- (1) DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BANGKOK CABLES  
 INFORMED ISLAMABAD AND PESHAWAR OF THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL,  
 COMPOSITION, METHODOLOGY, AND OBJECTIVES. THIS  
 INFORMATION ENABLED THE EMBASSY TO SET UP INTERNAL  
 BRIEFINGS AND AN OCTOBER 15 MEETING WITH MR. ARIF AYUB,  
 DIRECTOR FOR AFGHANISTAN IN THE PAKISTANI MINISTRY OF  
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE PESHAWAR STAFF  
 ARRANGED FOR TEAM USE OF A VEHICLE AND DRIVER AND  
 FACILITATED APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL PAKISTANI AND  
 INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THESE ARRANGEMENTS  
 SMOOTHED THE WAY FOR A SENSITIVE VISIT AND ALLOWED THE  
 TEAM TO DERIVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM ITS SHORT STAY.  
 NEVERTHELESS, THE TEAM SENSED SOME INITIAL APPREHENSION  
 AT EMBASSY ISLAMABAD CONCERNING ITS "ACTUAL" FUNCTION

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AND MISSION WHEN IT ARRIVED. POSSIBLY THIS CAN BE  
MINIMIZED IN ANY FUTURE OPERATIONS BY DEVELOPMENT OF A  
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DEPLOYMENT.

- (2) REGARDING EQUIPMENT PACKAGING, THE TEAM  
BELIEVES THAT A CIVILIAN, SOFT-SIDED, WHEEL-EQUIPPED  
TRAVEL CASE SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE FOOTLOCKER.  
ALTHOUGH THE FOOTLOCKER FUNCTIONED WELL, IT AROUSED TOO  
MUCH SUSPICION AND ATTENTION IN THE AIRPORTS.

## 4. (U) MEDICAL ASPECTS.

- A. THE TRIP'S FOCUS ON MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND  
FACILITIES OFFERED SEVERAL ADVANTAGES. SINCE MEDICAL  
PERSONNEL USUALLY ARE NOT PUBLICITY-ORIENTED, THEY  
CONSTITUTED A GROUP OF RELIABLE PROFESSIONALS WITH WHICH  
THE TEAM COULD WORK WITHOUT THREATENING SENSITIVE  
EMBASSY RELATIONSHIPS. ALSO, MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE  
TAUGHT TO EVALUATE SYMPTOMS AND ESTABLISH CAUSALITY AND,  
THUS, CAN BE INTERVIEWED RAPIDLY BY AN INVESTIGATION  
TEAM. SUCH INTERVIEWS CAN PROVIDE QUICK INSIGHT INTO  
THE LEVEL OF MEDICAL EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN AN AREA, AS  
WELL AS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE  
CONCERNING THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF ENDEMIC DISEASES.

- B. THE ONLY DISADVANTAGE IS THAT NOT ALL MEDICAL  
PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN HAVE THE EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO  
RECOGNIZE CBW-RELATED INJURIES. THE AREA'S  
GEOGRAPHIC/TOPOGRAPHIC CIRCUMSTANCES ALSO INHIBIT THE  
RAPID COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF CBW-RELATED DATA.  
THERE TENDS TO BE AN EXTENSIVE TIME LAG BETWEEN THE  
OCCURRENCE OF WAR INJURIES IN AFGHANISTAN AND TREATMENT  
BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN. THIS LAG COULD

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PREVENT DOCTORS FROM VIEWING SYMPTOMOLOGY OR  
 ENCOUNTERING PATIENTS.

5. (C/NF) MEDICAL REPORTING.

- A. (LOU) GENERAL. AFGHAN HOSPITALS IN THE PESHAWAR AREA ARE DIFFERENTIATED IN TERMS OF THE CARE PROVIDED. HOSPITALS THE TEAM VISITED TREAT WAR-WOUNDED PATIENTS ONLY. OTHERS PRIMARILY PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR REFUGEES IN NEARBY CAMPS. BOTH THE ICRC AND THE AFGHAN SURGICAL HOSPITAL ARE EQUIPPED WITH MODERN, STATE-OF-THE-ART ANESTHESIA, X-RAY, AND SURGICAL EQUIPMENT. IN TERMS OF CLEANLINESS AND MEDICAL EXPERTISE, THESE TWO APPEAR TO BE THE AREA'S BEST. OTHER HOSPITALS PRESENT A GRIMMER ATMOSPHERE WITH RESPECT BOTH TO HYGIENE AND OBSERVED PATIENT CARE.

- B. (C/NF) DR. AURANGZEB KHAN, THE PAKISTANI "AFGHAN REFUGEE PROJECT" HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR THE REGION,  
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ESCORTED THE TEAM AT THE VARIOUS MEDICAL FACILITIES. ACCORDING TO STATISTICS SEEN AT PROJECT HEADQUARTERS IN PESHAWAR, ONLY 12 CASES HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO CHEMICAL WARFARE SINCE 1980. FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SYMPTOMOLOGY, SUSPECTED TYPE OF AGENT, OR OTHER PERTINENT CBW-RELATED PATIENT DATA WAS NOT AVAILABLE. THIS COULD BE DUE TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF CASES ENCOUNTERED, MEDICAL INEXPERTISE IN RECOGNIZING SYMPTOMS, OR TO THE LONG DISTANCES (TWO-FIVE WEEKS' TRAVEL) THAT REFUGEES AND GUERRILLAS HAVE TO FACE BEFORE REACHING MEDICAL CARE.

- C. (C/NF) ICRC SURGICAL HOSPITAL. THE TEAM SPOKE TO THE ICRC DELEGATE AND TOURED THE ICRC SURGICAL HOSPITAL IN PESHAWAR ON OCTOBER 16. ICRC OFFICIALS EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DOCUMENT ANY CHEMICAL WARFARE CASUALTIES IN THE AREA IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. (NOTE: AS THE NAME IMPLIES, STAFF

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MEMBERS AT THIS FACILITY ARE CONCERNED WITH SURGERY, AND DO NOT HANDLE NON-SURGICAL ILLNESSES.) WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THE MEDICAL EVACUATION SYSTEM, THEY SAID THEY DEPEND ON TWO EVACUATION/AMBULANCE PICK-UP SITES WITHIN THE PROVINCE. THEY NOTED THAT SOME AFGHAN POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE THEIR OWN AMBULANCES. THE ICRC HOSPITAL REPORTEDLY RECEIVES MOST OF THE SERIOUSLY INJURED, PROVIDES INITIAL SURGICAL TREATMENT AND PATIENT STABILIZATION, AND TRANSFERS PATIENTS TO ONE OF THE OTHER AREA HOSPITALS FOR FOLLOW-UP CARE.

- D. (C/NF) AFGHAN SURGICAL HOSPITAL. THE TEAM TOURED THE AFGHAN SURGICAL HOSPITAL IN PESHAWAR AND

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SPOKE WITH ITS DIRECTOR AND DOCTORS ON OCTOBER 17. ONLY  
 TWO PATIENTS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL  
 WARFARE HAVE BEEN SEEN THERE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.  
 ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT SEEN DEFINITE EVIDENCE, A FEW OF  
 THE DOCTORS BELIEVE THAT CBW AGENTS ARE BEING USED IN  
 AFGHANISTAN. THEY ATTRIBUTE THEIR BELIEF TO INCIDENTS  
 DESCRIBED TO THEM BY MUJAHEDIN FIGHTERS AND COMMANDERS.  
 MOST OR ALL VICTIMS REPORTEDLY DIE AT ATTACK SITES.  
 ONLY A FEW PERSONS FROM BORDER AREAS OR AREAS DEEP  
 INSIDE THE COUNTRY SURVIVE TO MAKE REPORTS.

- (1) (C) THE ONLY REPORTED SYMPTOMOLOGY  
 POSSIBLY RELATED TO CBW USE CONCERNS AN AGENT THAT  
 PARALYZES FIGHTERS (E.G., THEY "COULD NOT MOVE"),  
 WITHOUT KILLING THEM. THE TEAM ASKED IF THIS COULD BE  
 CAUSED BY COMBAT FATIGUE OR FEAR. THE INTERVIEWED  
 DOCTOR REPLIED NEGATIVELY--THIRTY FIGHTERS REPORTEDLY  
 HAD BEEN AFFECTED SIMULTANEOUSLY. AS THE DOCTORS WERE  
 UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, THE TEAM IS  
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UNABLE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER ASSESSMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE  
 AGENT ACTIVE SITE ACTUATION OR BLOCKING EFFECTS.

- (2) (LOU) THE DOCTORS DID NOT PROVIDE NAMES  
 OF ALLEGED CBW VICTIMS WHOM THE TEAM MIGHT INTERVIEW.  
 ACCORDING TO THEM, SERIOUSLY INJURED PERSONS USUALLY DO  
 NOT SURVIVE TO REACH MEDICAL EVACUATION SITES.

- (3) (U) THE DOCTORS INQUIRED ABOUT THE  
 SYMPTOMOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY OF CBW WEAPONS, ASKING WHAT  
 FACTORS THEY SHOULD BE ALERT FOR WHILE EXAMINING  
 POSSIBLE VICTIMS, AS WELL AS BIOMEDICAL SPECIMENS OR  
 VITAL SIGNS THEY SHOULD TAKE.

- (4) (U) ONE OF THE DOCTORS ASKED IF  
 BURN-CAUSING AGENTS ARE CONSIDERED CHEMICAL WARFARE  
 WEAPONS, AS HE HAD ONE SUCH PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL.  
 THE TEAM'S CURSORY MEDICAL EXAM AND INTERVIEW INDICATED  
 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION HAD BEEN BURNED BY A  
 SOVIET HAND-THROWN WEAPON. EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SUGGESTED  
 WHITE PHOSPHORUS OR PLASTICIZED WHITE PHOSPHORUS, RATHER  
 THAN A FLAME FUEL WEAPON.

- E. (U) SHAHEED MOHAMMAD UMAR HOSPITAL. TEAM  
 MEMBERS SPOKE TO THE HOSPITAL'S DIRECTOR ON OCTOBER 17.  
 HOWEVER, NO LEADS ABOUT CBW EMERGED. THE HOSPITAL  
 APPEARED TO PROVIDE PRIMARILY INTERNAL MEDICINE AND  
 CONVALESCENT CARE RATHER THAN SURGICAL TREATMENT.

- F. (C) EBNESEENA-I-BALKHI HOSPITAL. DURING AN  
 OCTOBER 17 VISIT, THE TEAM WAS TOLD THAT AN AMERICAN

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OPHTHAMOLOGIST WORKING THERE HAD SEEN AND TREATED SEVERAL AFGHANS FOR CW-RELATED BURNS OF THEIR EYES. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THE DOCTOR ON OCTOBER 19. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT RPT NOT SEEN ANY INJURIES WHICH APPEARED TO BE CW RELATED. HE WAS AWARE OF CW TYPE EYE INJURIES, HE SAID, FROM EXPERIENCE HE HAD HAD WHILE WORKING AT A VA HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO. HE SAW PATIENTS THERE WHO HAD SUFFERED CORNEAL DAMAGE FROM MUSTARD GAS IN WWI. THE DOCTOR EMPHASIZED THAT HE HOPED HE WAS NOT MISSING ANY INJURIES CAUSED BY CBW EXPOSURE, BUT HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY CASES HE COULD ATTRIBUTE TO AGENT EXPOSURE. MOST OF HIS CURRENT PATIENTS, HE SAID, HAD INJURIES RESULTING FROM SMALL SHRAPNEL INJURIES TO THE EYES. HE ALSO WAS PERFORMING 3 TO 4 EYELID RELEASE OPERATIONS EACH MONTH AS CORRECTIVE SURGERY FOR TRACHOMA. HE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF ACUTE BLINDING TRACHOMA, BUT CHRONIC TRACHOMA CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM.

6. (C/NF) CBW AGENT USE REPORTING.  
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- A. (C) GENERAL. ALLEGATIONS THE TEAM ENCOUNTERED CONCERNING CBW USE BASICALLY WERE REPORTED THIRD HAND. THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO LOCATE ANY EYEWITNESSES. IN THOSE FEW CASES IN WHICH NAMES WERE GIVEN, THE TEAM WAS TOLD EITHER THAT IT WOULD TAKE TWO TO THREE WEEKS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS OR THAT THEY WERE FIGHTING INSIDE AFGHANISTAN--RETURN DATE TO PAKISTAN UNKNOWN. THE TEAM'S OCTOBER 15 FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERVIEW WITH ARIF AYUB (REF C) WAS OF THE SAME PATTERN. AYUB NOTED THAT, WHILE PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES PERIODICALLY RECEIVED REPORTS FROM WITHIN AFGHANISTAN OF POSSIBLE CBW USE BY SOVIET FORCES (USUALLY BY AIRCRAFT), THEY HAD NEVER OBTAINED ANY SOLID EVIDENCE. HE OPINED THAT THIS MAY IN PART BE CAUSED BY THE SOVIETS BEING CAREFUL TO USE SUCH AGENTS SELECTIVELY IN REMOTE AREAS WHERE KNOWLEDGE/EVIDENCE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO REACH THE OUTSIDE.

- B. (C) AFGHAN INFORMATION CENTER. THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO INTERVIEW PROFESSOR MAJROOH, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER, ON OCTOBER 16. HE SAID THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD SENT OUT SMALL SAMPLE COLLECTION KITS CONSISTING OF

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GLASS JARS AND MYLAR BAGS, BUT THUS FAR HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET EVIDENCE. A GREAT DEAL OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE MUJAHEDIN FIGHTERS AND THEIR COMMANDERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CBW USE OR THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING EVIDENCE. THEIR ATTITUDE IS: "WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF YOU ARE KILLED BY A BOMB OR BY CHEMICAL WARFARE? IN EITHER CASE, YOU ARE STILL DEAD|"

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- (1) (C) PROFESSOR MAJROOH TOLD THE TEAM THAT  
THE ONLY INCIDENTS HE HAD HEARD ABOUT IN 1985 INVOLVED  
SOVIET USE OF GAS AGAINST AFGHANS WHO HAD HIDDEN INSIDE  
COVERED IRRIGATION DITCHES. THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY  
PUMPED "GAS" INTO THE DITCHES, WHICH KILLED EVERYONE AND  
MADE THE VICTIMS' FLESH COME OFF WHEN THEIR BODIES WERE  
MOVED. THE FIRST INCIDENT REPORTEDLY OCCURRED IN THE  
SPRING, AND THE SECOND AROUND JUNE 27. NO FURTHER  
DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

- (2) (C/NF/WN) DR. MAJROOH DID NOT REPORT  
DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT DIFFERENT AGENTS. HOWEVER,  
HE DID STATE THAT A MEDICAL DOCTOR, DR. [redacted] REPEAT  
[redacted] WHO HAS NOW RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA, HAD  
WORKED INSIDE AFGHANISTAN AND HAD SEEN AND SOMETIMES  
TREATED VICTIMS WHO HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO INCAPACITANTS  
AND A "PARALYZING" GAS. BASED ON PROFESSOR MAJROOH'S  
COMMENTS, THE CBW TEAM RECOMMENDS THAT EITHER A U.S.  
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WITH S&TI EXPERIENCED MEMBERS INTERVIEW DR. [REDACTED]  
CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CBW AGENT USE, IF HE CAN BE  
LOCATED.

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- (3) (U) PROFESSOR MAJROOH STATED THAT HIS  
ORGANIZATION KNEW OF PERSONNEL WHO HAD SEEN AND REPORTED  
CBW INCIDENTS. HE WAS WILLING TO ARRANGE FOR THE TEAM  
TO TALK TO THEM; HOWEVER, LOCATING THEM AND MAKING SUCH  
ARRANGEMENTS WAS IMPOSSIBLE, GIVEN THE SHORT TIME THE  
TEAM WOULD BE IN PAKISTAN.

- C. (C) AT AN AMERICAN CONSULATE OFFICE IN  
PESHAWAR, THE CBW TEAM MET AND TALKED TO AN AMERICAN  
EXPATRIATE AND A SWEDISH MEDICAL DOCTOR WHO WERE  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HUMAN  
RIGHTS. THE TWO MEN HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A 30-DAY  
TRIP INSIDE AFGHANISTAN IN THE WARDOC REGION.

- (1) (LOU) THE AMERICAN SAID THAT NEITHER HE  
NOR HIS COLLEAGUE HAD HEARD OF ANY CBW INCIDENTS WHILE  
INSIDE ON THIS LAST TRIP.

- (2) (C) THE AMERICAN STATED THAT IN SEPTEMBER  
1982 HE HAD PERSONALLY INVESTIGATED (NOTE: SPONSOR  
UNKNOWN) AN ALLEGED CBW INCIDENT NEAR LOGAR. THE  
SOVIETS REPORTEDLY HAD TRAPPED 102 AFGHANS IN A COVERED  
IRRIGATION CANAL AND KILLED THEM BY POURING CHEMICAL  
AGENTS INTO THE WATER. HE SAID THAT, IN INVESTIGATING  
THE INCIDENT, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT WHAT ACTUALLY HAD  
HAPPENED WAS THAT THE SOVIETS HAD POURED A PETROLEUM

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FUEL (E.G., GASOLINE) INTO THE WATER AND IGNITED IT,  
 BURNING ALL 102 PERSONS TO DEATH AND CAUSING THEIR SKIN  
 TO TURN BLACK AND THEIR FLESH TO FALL OFF WHEN BODIES

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WERE REMOVED FROM THE CANAL.

- (3) (C) THE AMERICAN SAID THAT HE HAD COLLECTED SAMPLES OF RESIDUES LEFT IN THE CANAL, WHICH WERE SENT TO A LABORATORY IN FRANCE FOR ANALYSIS. ANALYSIS DISCLOSED THE PRESENCE OF DINITROTOLUENE, "GASOLINE FRAGMENTS", AND PENTRITE (TEAM COMMENT: PENTRITE IS A COMPOUND USED IN DETONATING CORD AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES.)

7. (C) SAMPLE AND INFORMATION COLLECTION.

- A. GENERAL. THE TEAM SELECTED COLLECTION EQUIPMENT BASED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ENCOUNTERING EITHER ONE MAJOR, OR SEVERAL SMALL, INCIDENT REPORTS. THIS INCLUDED (CARRY-ON BAGGAGE) BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR

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OBTAINING, PACKAGING, AND SHIPPING BLOOD AND URINE FROM UP TO 30 PERSONS, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION EQUIPMENT SUCH AS MYLAR BAGS (5), 4-OUNCE JARS (4), 1-OUNCE JARS (4), AND PARAFILM.

- B. INFORMATION COLLECTION. ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON AGENCIES AUTHORIZED THE TEAM TO TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN, THEY DID NOT PROVIDE GUIDANCE OR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHICH PEOPLE SHOULD BE CONTACTED, WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION, OR SPECIFIC SITES THE TEAM SHOULD VISIT.

- (1) IN THE FUTURE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO BE PREBRIEFED BEFORE DEPLOYMENT. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES SHOULD PROVIDE THE TEAM WITH SITUATION BRIEFS DESCRIBING OVERALL POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF PERSONS--E.G., GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, OR MEDICAL PERSONNEL, OR ALLEGED CBW VICTIMS--WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION. SUCH INITIAL INTERVIEWS COULD PROVIDE TEAM MEMBERS WITH LEADS TO FOLLOW-UP IN FIELD INVESTIGATIONS.

- (2) AT THE SAME TIME, WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THE PARTICULAR AMEMBASSY OR IN-COUNTRY AGENCY CONCERNED, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE LOCATION OF PROSPECTIVE INTERVIEWEES AND MAKE ADVANCE

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS.

- (3) MOST IMPORTANTLY, WASHINGTON AGENCIES  
SHOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REGARDING TEAM CONTACTS

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WITH RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS, HOST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,  
AND/OR EMBASSY OPERATIONS.

- C. IN-COUNTRY COLLECTORS. ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING  
SOVIET USE OF CBW AGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN FIRST BEGAN  
CIRCULATING IN 1979. NEVERTHELESS, THE TEAM FOUND--SOME  
SIX YEARS LATER--THAT THERE ARE NO TRAINED, TECHNICAL  
COLLECTORS IN PAKISTAN CAPABLE OF FOLLOWING-UP ON SUCH  
REPORTS.

- (1) THE TEAM FOUND THAT, SIMILAR TO THE  
SITUATION IN THAILAND PRIOR TO 1983, USG PERSONNEL HAD  
ONLY A BARE MINIMUM OF TOOLS AND MINIMAL, IF ANY,  
TRAINING CONCERNING CBW.

- (2) SHOULD GENUINE CBW AGENTS BE ENCOUNTERED,  
THE POTENTIAL IS HIGH FOR AN UNTRAINED COLLECTOR TO BE  
INJURED OR KILLED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THE  
SPECIMEN, SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF SIMPLE TRAINING  
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OR BASIC PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

8. (C) HAVE CBW AGENTS BEEN USED IN AFGHANISTAN? THE  
WASHINGTON MESSAGE AUTHORIZING THE TEAM TO TRAVEL TO

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PAKISTAN DEFINED THE TRIP'S OBJECTIVE AS THE COLLECTION "OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE USE OF CW AGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN, INCLUDING MEDICAL EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION OF SAMPLE AVAILABILITY." THE TRIP WAS DESCRIBED AS A "PILOT PROJECT" THAT WOULD "HELP . . . DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF A SUBSEQUENT FULL-SCALE STUDY IN PAKISTAN." FOR THE REASONS DESCRIBED IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS, THE TEAM IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A SCIENTIFICALLY SUSTAINABLE CONCLUSION REGARDING AGENT USAGE. WE BELIEVE SCIENTIFICALLY VALID CONCLUSIONS MUST BE THE PRODUCT OF A VERIFICATION APPARATUS THAT INCLUDES TRAINED AND EQUIPPED IN-COUNTRY COLLECTORS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CBW-RELATED INJURIES, AND EFFECTIVE, STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT SEEMINGLY PLAUSIBLE ALLEGATIONS ARE RECEIVED AT A CENTRAL POINT AND FIELD INVESTIGATED PROMPTLY. THE TEAM FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT SUCH A COLLECTION/VERIFICATION SYSTEM EXISTS IN PAKISTAN. SO LONG AS USE ALLEGATIONS CONSIST OF INTERMITTENT, INCOMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS OF EVENTS THAT PRODUCE NO CLEARLY IDENTIFIED VICTIMS OR SAMPLES AN OUTSIDE GROUP CAN SEE AND INVESTIGATE, FURTHER TEAM DEPLOYMENT TO PAKISTAN APPEARS INADVISABLE. THE TEAM RECOMMENDS THAT PERSONNEL ALREADY IN PAKISTAN RECEIVE THE NECESSARY TRAINING TO LOOK INTO CBW USE REPORTS AND DETERMINE WHEN GROUNDS EXIST FOR MORE STRUCTURED SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD SUPPORTS THE NEE FOR SUCH TRAINING, BASED ON

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