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EO 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: MOPS, TN, CB
SUBJECT: CBV SAMPLES TH-840211-1MS/2MS AND
TH-840212-1MS/2MS (U)

REF: A. BANGKOK 7016, B 181314Z FEB 84

1. THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED
INTEL.

2. (U) SHIPPING INFORMATION:

A. DATE SHIPPED: 18 FEB 84.

B. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: AIR EXPRESS AIRWAY BILL
NUMBER 0124038044. (THIS IS THE SAME AIRWAY BILL USED
TO SHIP CBV SAMPLES TH-840209-1DL THRU TH-840209-110L
AND TH-840209-31P WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN A SEPARATE
ICE CHEST AND ADDRESSED TO CDR, CROC, APG-EA, MD).

BANGKOK TO TOKYO: AIR INDIA FLIGHT NUMBER A1316
TOKYO TO CHICAGO: NORTHWEST FLIGHT NUMBER N0804
CHICAGO TO DULLES: AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER
A0396.

C. DESTINATION: DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
ADDRESSED TO: COMMANDER, AFMIC, FT. DETRICK, MD.

D. ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL: 1839 HOURS LOCAL, 18
FEBRUARY 1984.

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3. (U) PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A. TH-840211-1MS IS 18 ML OF WHOLE CLOTTED BLOOD
CONTAINED IN RED TOP TUBE.

B. TH-840211-2MS IS 25 ML OF URINE CONTAINED IN A
GLASS TEST TUBE.

C. TH-840212-1MS IS 18 ML OF WHOLE CLOTTED BLOOD IN A
RED TOP TUBE AS A CONTROL SAMPLE.

D. TH-840212-2MS IS 35 ML OF URINE CONTAINED IN A
GLASS TEST TUBE AS A CONTROL SAMPLE.

4. (U) SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIREMENT: DRY ICE

5. (U) DETAILS OF COLLECTION:

A. TH-840211-1MS AND TH-840211-2MS WERE COLLECTED
FROM [REDACTED] 37 YEAR OLD MALE, APMU RESISTANCE
FIGHTER AND VICTIM OF AN ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACK NEAR
QBOM ON 8 FEBRUARY 1984 (SEE PARAGRAPH 7 BELOW). THE
SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED BY THE CBV TEAM'S PHYSICIAN AT
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)
HOSPITAL LOCATED IN BAN BAN CHARANG (N044051) TO
VERIFY THE PRESENCE OF ANY CHEMICALS TO CORROBORATE
THE VICTIM'S STORY. BLOOD WAS DRAWN USING A
VACUTAINER, SINGLE DRAW DISPOSABLE SYSTEM. URINE WAS
COLLECTED THROUGH A FOLEY CATHETER ALREADY IN PLACE
IN THE PATIENT.

B. TH-840212-1MS AND TH-840212-2MS WERE COLLECTED

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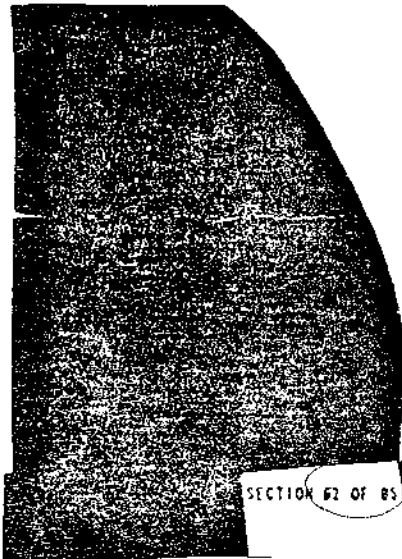
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COUNTRY: LAOS (L) THAILAND (TM)
SUBJ: 6 895 0303 83/ALLEGED USE OF CBW/YELLOW RAIN AGAINST

FOR 40 MINUTES OVER THE VILLAGE (NFI). TWO (2) DAYS LATER SPOTS APPEARED ON VEGETATION AND ON THE GROUND. WITHIN 2-3 DAYS AFTER THE SPOTS APPEARED THE VILLAGERS GOT SICK. LOTS OF CHICKENS AND PIGS DIED (NFI). [REDACTED] ESTIMATED THAT 30 OF THE VILLAGERS WERE SICK WITH SIX (6) PERSONS (4 MEN AND 2 WOMEN) EVENTUALLY DYING. THE VILLAGERS ALLEGEDLY DIED FROM HEMORRHAGES AND NOSE BLEED. THEY ALSO HAD BLACK SPOTS ON THEIR SKIN AFTER DEATH. THE OTHER SICK VILLAGERS HAD HEADACHES, NOSE BLEEDS AND ABDOMINAL PAIN.
NOTE: THIS WITNESS HAD ALREADY STATED THAT HE WAS IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH HIS FAMILY BEGINNING IN MARCH 1963. HE FAILED TO ANSWER HOW HE COULD ORDER THE ATTACK ON THE VILLAGE AND THE SUBSEQUENT EVENTS WHILE HE WAS RESIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS. ADDITIONALLY IT WOULD SEEM THAT A PLANE RELEASING CHEMICAL/SMOKE LIKE SUBSTANCES AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE HIGH ENOUGH WHERE HE COULD APPARENTLY HEAR BUT NOT CLEARLY SEE THE PLANE: WOULD HAVE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME INSURING THE SUBSTANCE LANDED ACCURATELY ON TARGET.

Interview with individual B

HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ALWAYS HUNTED BY THE PL/VIETNAMESE WHO WERE ARMED WITH SMALL ARMS AND TRAVELED ONLY ON FOOT. HE CLAIMED THAT THE COMMUNIST HAD NO ARMOR, AIR, ARTILLERY, OR EVEN JEEPS. SINCE THE HMONG WERE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN, IT WAS EASY FOR HIS GROUP TO ESCAPE UNDETECTED.

[REDACTED] WENT ON TO SAY THAT PHU HE HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY CHEMICALS TWO (2) TIMES EVERY MONTH FOR FIVE (5) YEARS AND THAT HE HAD SEEN OVER 30 ATTACKS WITH HIS OWN EYES. HE WAS A WITNESS TO SIX (6) DEATHS. HE ALSO STATED HE NEVER SAW ANY LARGE ANIMALS DIE-ONLY CHICKENS. HIS OWN SYMPTOMS WERE CHEST PAIN, COLD FEELING AND DIZZINESS. THE DIZZINESS HAS REMAINED MOSTLY IN THE MORNING AND DURING THE DAY HE ALSO FEELS COLD. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PHU HE AREA BEING CONTROLLED BY THE PL AND VN, HE STATED THAT ON THIS DAY THE RED HMONG, PL AND VN WERE IN HUANG CHA. WHEN THEY RETURNED AND THE VILLAGERS SHOWED THEM THE SPOTS, THE COMMUNIST THEN DRANK WATER FROM A COVERED WELL WITH THE VILLAGERS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT NO PIGS DIED SINCE THEY WERE KEPT UNDER COVER.

NOTE: IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW A MEMBER OF A RESISTANCE GROUP LIVING IN THE JUNGLE COULD HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRST HAND THE ATTACKS HE PROVIDES ACCOUNTS FOR. DURING THE SECOND INTERVIEW WHEN ASKED HOW HE

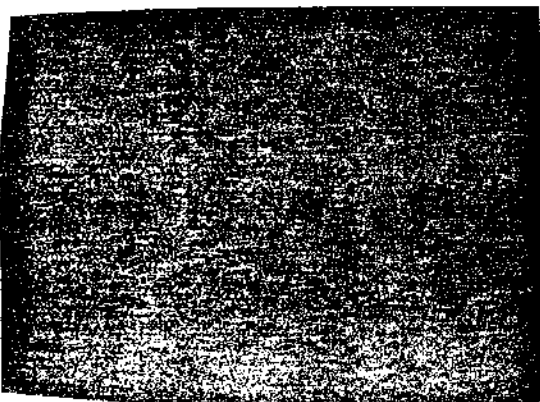
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Interview with individual A

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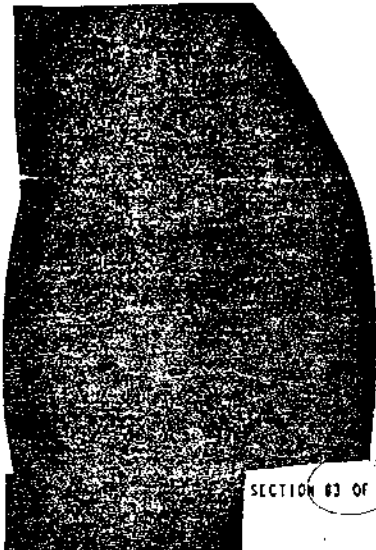
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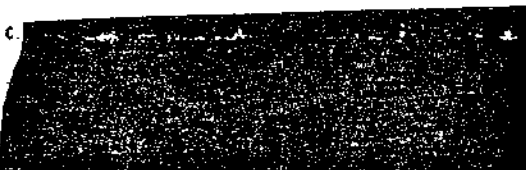
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HEW SO MUCH ABOUT THE ATTACKS WHILE STILL BEING A RESISTANCE FIGHTER IN THE JUNGLE AND RICE FIELDS. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT PERSONALLY SEE THE ATTACKS BUT RATHER HAD RECEIVED ACCOUNTS OF THE ATTACKS FROM OTHERS. ALSO DURING THE REINTERVIEW, HE DENIES THAT PIGS WERE KILLED. THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE ACCOUNT RELATED IN FIRST INTERVIEW (SEE USDAO IR 6 895 0264 03/0289322) NOV 83, AND ENCLOSURE 1 TO THIS IR.



- 4. WHEN REINTERVIEWED, [REDACTED] DENIED EVER TELLING A STORY ABOUT ALLEGED CBW ATTACK TO A NURSE OR EVER HAVING EXPERIENCED A CBW ATTACK. SHE DID STATE THAT AIRPLANES FLEW OVER HER VILLAGE ONCE EVERY TWO (2) OR THREE (3) DAYS BUT AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE PROVIDED A BLOOD SAMPLE.
NOTE: SEE USDAO IR 6 895 0284 03/0289322 NOV 83 AND ENCLOSURE 2 TO THIS IR FOR [REDACTED] FIRST INTERVIEW WHILE STATING SHE EXPERIENCED A CBW ATTACK AND SUBSEQUENT SYMPTOMS IN HER FIRST INTERVIEW. SHE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CBW ATTACKS OR BEING A VICTIM IN THE REINTERVIEW. IN ADDITION WHEN INTERVIEWER REINTERVIEWED THE OLDER BROTHER OF [REDACTED] THE OLDER BROTHER TOLD OF GASSING ATTACKS BUT DENIED ITS REALITY WHEN THE INTERVIEWER TALKED TO HIM ALONE OUTSIDE.

- 4. HE RELATED THAT SINCE 1975 HE HAS BEEN A FARMER AND HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE RESISTANCE. HE CLAIMS THAT HE PAID 80 KILOS OF RICE PER FAMILY PER YEAR IN TAXES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CBW ATTACKS HE STATED THAT HE SAW YELLOW COLORED SPOTS IN MUANG NOM LAST YEAR. HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT HE SAW THEM EVERY MONTH-ALL THE TIME. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ALL THE CHILDREN WERE SICK. THIS PROBLEM (SICKNESS) EXISTED AT MANY PLACES AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES. [REDACTED] COULD NOT REMEMBER THE EXACT DETAILS OR PRECISELY WHEN IT HAPPENED BUT HE WAS SURE IT WAS NOT DURING THE RAINY SEASON. HE SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE SUSPICIOUS THAT IT WAS A CHEMICAL ATTACK THAT CAUSED THE SPOTS AND SICKNESS. HE EXPLAINED THAT SOME ETHNIC LAO PEOPLE DRANK WATER FROM A WELL CONTAMINATED BY THE YELLOW RAIN AND FELL DOWN LIKE THEY WERE DRUNK. HE STATED THAT ONE GIRL GOT HIT ON THE SKIN WITH THE YELLOW SUBSTANCE AND BECAME SICK WITHIN 40 MINUTES. SHE HAD THE SYMPTOMS OF MALARIA. SOME OF THE MEN ALSO GOT HIT BUT THEY DID NOT GET SICK. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE EFFECT ON CROPS HE HAD NO COMMENT BUT DID STATE THAT LEAVES ON TREES DIED ALL THE TIME.

NOTE: THERE WERE NO DISCREPANCIES NOTED ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] SEEMED TO BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF THE ALLEGED ATTACKS.



Interview with individual D

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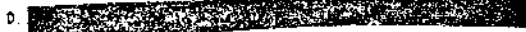
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Second interview of individual C (a Hmong woman)

First interview was in Nov 1983.

Also comment on a Hmong man who changed his story on talking interviewee



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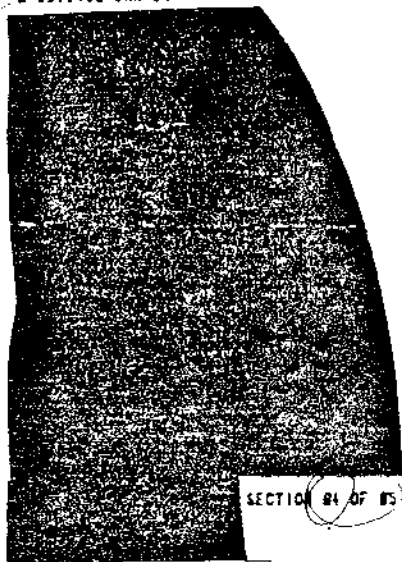
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- 4. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE ARRIVED FROM LAOS IN APRIL 1983.

[REDACTED] SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE AND FIVE (5) OTHER GIRLS WERE SWIMMING IN A RIVER ON 18 APRIL 1981, AND WHEN THEY RETURNED TO GET THEIR CLOTHES, THERE WERE YELLOW SPOTS ON THEM. SHE SAID THAT EARLIER SHE HAD HEARD THE NOISE OF AN AIRCRAFT BUT HAD NOT SEEN IT. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS DRESSED AND THAT THE NEXT MORNING SHE FELT ITCHY. HER SKIN HAD A REDDISH COLOR AND EVENTUALLY HER SKIN GOT DARK BLOTCHES.

ON 24 APRIL 1981 SHE WENT TO A VIENTIANE HOSPITAL AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION FROM THE VILLAGE MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THE DOCTOR IN VIENTIANE EXAMINED HER AND SAID THAT HE HAD NO MEDICINE TO TREAT HER PROBLEM. SHE THEN RETURNED TO HER VILLAGE.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE OTHER FIVE (5) GIRLS, SHE STATED THAT THEY WERE "A LITTLE SICK". SHE ALSO IMPLIED THAT BECAUSE HER CLOTHES WERE ON THE TOP OF THE PILE, HERS HAD ALL OR MOST OF THE YELLOW SPOT SUBSTANCE WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE CLOTHES WERE RELATIVELY UNAFFECTED. WHEN ASKED WHY SHE DID NOT WASH HER CLOTHES BEFORE PUTTING THEM ON WITH A DANGEROUS YELLOW SUBSTANCE, SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW AT THE TIME THAT THE YELLOW SPOTS WERE DANGEROUS/HARMFUL. APPARENTLY NOBODY ELSE IN HER FAMILY BECAME ILL. SHE DID STATE THAT AFTER THE SKIN ERUPTIONS, SHE HAD A LUNG PROBLEM AND SHE STILL HAD A BAD COUGH WHEN INTERVIEWED.

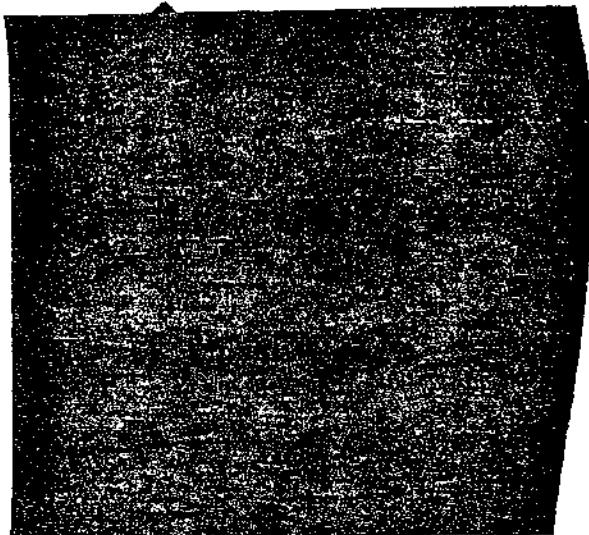
WHEN ASKED IF SHE HAD SOUGHT ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TREATMENT, SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD EVER GONE TO SEE A DOCTOR IN THE BAN VINAI CAMP AND THAT BLOOD HAD BEEN DRAWN. SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE DATES AND WAS VAGUE

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ABOUT HER MEDICAL TREATMENT. WHEN ASKED HOW SHE COULD REMEMBER TWO DATES FROM TWO YEARS AGO AND NOT RECALL DATES OF A MUCH MORE RECENT VISIT TO THE BAN VINAI HOSPITAL, SHE ANSWERED THAT SHE FIGURED OUT THE DATES OF THE ATTACK FROM THE HMONG CALENDAR.

NOTE: IF SHE COULD FIGURE OUT TWO YEAR OLD DATES USING THE HMONG CALENDAR, WHY COULDN'T SHE ALSO FIGURE OUT THE DATES OF HER VISIT TO THE BAN VINAI HOSPITAL USING THE SAME CALENDAR? IT MUST BE NOTED ALSO THAT DATES OF AN OLD, TRAUMATIC EVENT SOMETIMES ARE REMEMBERED BETTER THAN RECENT EVENTS.

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Seeley, Akwatankul and I interviewed this Hmong woman at Ban Vinai in March 1984. We showed her bee feces on leaves and asked her to tell us what the spots were. She said they were yellow rain.

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