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TAGS: MOPS, TH, CB
SUBJECT: CBW SAMPLE TH-840225-1DL

- 1. (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.
- 2. (U) SHIPPING INFORMATION: TO FOLLOW.
- 3. (U) PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: TH-840225-1DL IS A MYLAR BAG CONTAINING PORTIONS OF BANANA LEAVES EACH DISPLAYING ONE OR MORE YELLOW SPOTS. LEAVES ARE MOSTLY FRESH BUT SOME DISPLAY SOME SIGNS OF DECOMPOSITION. SOME OF THE SPOTS INDICATE THAT SOME TENDENCY TO DRIP HAS TAKEN PLACE.
- 4. (U) DETAILS OF COLLECTION:

A. (C) AT 1100 HOURS, 25 FEBRUARY 1984, [] WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A STRINGER CAMERAMAN FOR ABC NEWS, ARRIVED AT THIS POST WITH SUBJECT SAMPLES. THE CHEMICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THIS POST'S CBW TEAM INTERVIEWED [] AND TOOK CUSTODY OF THE SAMPLE.

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B. (C) [] STATED THAT ON 23 FEBRUARY 1984, HE WENT TO PHNUM MALAI, WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTH OF ARANYAPRATHET (TA 3015) AND IS A KHMER ROUGE COMMAND POST (NFI). []

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[] WHILE THERE, [] MET WITH IENG SARY, THE ECONOMICS MINISTER OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT OF KAMPUCHEA.

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AND ASKED HIM (IENG) ABOUT THE MILITARY SITUATION AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

- C. (C) IENG STATED THAT ON 21 FEBRUARY 1984 AT 1200 HOURS, ONE PROPELLER DRIVEN AIRCRAFT FLEW OVER PHNUM MALAI AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. IT CAME FROM THE EAST AND DEPARTED TO THE SOUTH. AT ABOUT 1330 HOURS, THE SAME DAY A SUBSTANCE BEGAN TO FALL AND YELLOW AND WHITE POWDER WAS SEEN AROUND THE AREA. [] STATED THAT OTHER SOLDIERS AND VILLAGERS, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER (NFI) SAID THAT THE SUBSTANCE

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WAS MORE YELLOW THAN WHITE. [] STATED THAT HE WAS TAKEN AROUND THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY AND SHOWN YELLOW SPOTS ON VEGETATION AND SOMEONE GATHERED THE LEAVES WITH SPOTS TO TAKE AS A SAMPLE. THE LEAVES WERE PLACED IN A MYLAR BAG. THE MYLAR BAG WAS WRAPPED IN SEVERAL LAYERS OF PLASTIC BAGS SINCE IT WAS PERFORATED. (b)(6)

D. (U) ON 25 FEBRUARY 1984, THE SAMPLE WAS OPENED AND REPACKAGED IN A MYLAR BAG BY THE CBW TEAM IN ORDER TO VERIFY ITS CONTENTS AND ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE ANY REMAINING VAPOR.

5. (U) SYMPTOMOLOGY:

A. (U) [] STATED THAT THE KR TOLD HIM THAT ON 22 FEBRUARY 1984, PEOPLE GOT SICK WITH SYMPTOMS OF NAUSEA, VOMITING AND UPSET STOMACH AND THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NO OTHER REPORTS OF SYMPTOMS. (u)

B. (U) WHEN ASKED IF HE [] NOTICED ANY (u)

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SYMPTOMS PERSONALLY SINCE THE SAMPLE WAS IN HIS POSSESSION. HE STATED THAT HE HAD HAD PAIN IN HIS LIVER ON 24 FEBRUARY AND THAT HE WAS TIRED. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THESE SYMPTOMS WERE NOT CAUSED BY THE SAMPLE BUT WERE DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE PREVIOUSLY HAD HEPATITIS AND NOW HAS A WEAK LIVER.

6. (U) IT IS UNKNOWN IF THIS SAMPLE HAS BEEN SHARED WITH ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR AGENCY.

7. (U) OTHER DETAILS:

A. (U) THE MYLAR BAG WHICH WAS USED INITIALLY TO CONTAIN THE SAMPLE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO [REDACTED] BY DR. AMOS TOWNSEND DURING THE LATTERS'S STRIP INTO KAMPUCHEA BY ELEPHANT IN OCTOBER 1981. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS THE ABC CAMERAMAN ASSIGNED TO COVER THAT EVENT.

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B. (U) [REDACTED] STATED THAT AFTER THE YELLOW SPOTS WERE DISCOVERED THE KR STOPPED THEIR PEOPLE FROM DRINKING OR BATHING IN UNPROTECTED WATER SOURCES OR EATING CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES SINCE QUOTE THEY KNEW IT WAS A CHEMICAL WEAPON UNQUOTE. HE SAID THAT THE KR TOLD HIM THAT THE CONTAMINATED AREA EXTENDED FROM BATDAMBANG (UV 0647) TO KOH KONG (TT 8054).

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C. (U) THERE IS A STREAM IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE THIS SAMPLE WAS TAKEN. IT'S NAME IS O CHHROUE AND IT FORMS THE BORDER BETWEEN THAILAND AND
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KAMPUCHEA AT THAT POINT.

D. (U) USDAO, BANGKOK, HAS STATED THAT THE FORWARDING OF THIS INFORMATION IS IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CIR'S:
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