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SUBJECT: CBW SAMPLE TH-840220-1BB

1. THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED  
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2. (U) SHIPPING INFORMATION: TO FOLLOW.

- A. DATE SHIPPED: TO FOLLOW.

- B. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: TO FOLLOW.

- C. DESTINATION: TO FOLLOW.

- D. ESTIMATED ARRIVAL TIME: TO FOLLOW.

3. (U) PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

APPROXIMATELY 1 GRAM OF YELLOW POWDER WITH IMPURITIES  
VISIBLE IN SUBSTANCE; SOME CAKING NOTED OF POWDER  
WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE A RESULT OF THE PACKAGING AND  
HANDLING PRIOR TO ITS DELIVERY TO U.S. OFFICIAL IN  
THAILAND. POWDER WRAPPED IN PAPER AND THIS WAS LATER  
PUT IN 10CC RED TOP TUBE AND PLACED IN PLASTIC BAG  
FOR PACKAGING.

4. (U) SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIREMENT: DRY ICE.

5. ~~(S)~~ DETAILS OF COLLECTION:

- SPECIMEN WAS COLLECTED ON 16 FEBRUARY- 19 FEBRUARY  
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84 SCRAPED FROM LEAVES AND STONES IN KAMPUCHEA BY  
MR. T [REDACTED] A 31 YEAR OLD THAI GEM MINER  
WHO WORKS IN KAMPUCHEA. SPECIMEN WAS DELIVERD ACROSS  
THE BORDER IN THAILAND TO U.S. OFFICIAL WHO  
SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED THE JOINT CBW INVESTIGATIVE  
TEAM.

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6. ~~(S)~~ SYMPTOMOLOGY:

A. [REDACTED] PHYSICIAN OBSERVED FOUR OF TWENTY  
INDIVIDUALS REPORTED AFFECTED BY "DAILY CHEMICAL

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RAIN" IN THE AREA OF GEM MINING IN KAMPUCHEA (7-10 KM FROM THE THAI BORDER) AT KOH KLANG ALONG THE STOENG SANGKET RIVER. SOME OF THE TWENTY INDIVIDUALS REPORTED HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, VOMITING, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, BURNS ON SKIN WHEN "CHEMICAL" ON GRASS TOUCHED LOWER LEGS.

B. THE "CHEMICAL ATTACKS" OCCURRED AT DARK, CAUSED CLOUDS, LOOKED LIKE RAIN, AND GAVE WATER AN OIL LIKE FLOURESENCE ON THE SURFACE. THEY STATED THAT IT CAUSED TREES TO DEFOLIATE. THE PHYSICIAN EXAMINED MR. T [REDACTED] WHO COMPLAINED OF "BLACK BURNED SPOTS" ON LEGS AND FEET. THE PHYSICIAN NOTED OPEN SORES, WITH ESCHARS AND BLISTERS ON LEFT LOWER CALF AND THREE LARGE 2 X 2 CM INQUINAL NODES WERE NOTED. NONE OF OTHER THREE VICTIMS EVALUATED HAD ANY SKIN LESIONS. THE PHYSICIAN WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THE ETIOLOGY OF THE SKIN LESIONS THOUGH INFECTION (PRIMARY OR SECONDARY TO TRAUMA) COULD NOT

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BE RULED OUT. LESIONS WERE FEW AND LIMITED TO THE VICTIM'S LEFT LOWER EXTREMITY.

7. (S) THIS SAMPLE HAS NOT BEEN SHARED WITH THE [REDACTED] HAS NOT OBTAINED SAMPLES FROM THIS SAME EVENT (PLACE)).

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8. (S) OTHER DETAILS: THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT ARE PART OF A MALARIA STUDY AND ARE FOLLOWED ROUTINE BY THE PHYSICIAN WHO SUBMITTED THE SPECIMEN TO THE JOINT CBW INVESTIGATIVE TEAM. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE EXTREMELY HIGH RATES OF MALARIA, INTESTINAL PARASITES AND OTHER CUTANEOUS AND SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS.

9. (S) COMMENT: THIS SPECIMEN APPEARS TO BE SIMILAR IN TYPE TO THAT WHICH THE TEAM HAS COLLECTED FROM SEVERAL AREAS WITHIN THAILAND. OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THESE SPECIMENS IS THAT THEY ARE PROBABLY POLLEN FROM MANGO OR OTHER TREES. IT IS THE SAME COLOR OF THE POLLEN OF TREES WHICH REPORTEDLY

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POLLINATE IN THE DRY SEASON. A SAMPLE OF THE  
POLLINATING SYSTEM OF A MANGO TREE AND SPECIMENS OF  
YELLOW SPOTS OBTAINED ADJACENT TO THE TREES WILL BE  
FORWARDED SEPARATELY. FURTHER BOTANICAL INFORMATION

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OF MANGO AND VARIOUS TREES IN THAILAND IS CURRENTLY  
BEING ACQUIRED LOCALLY AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONSEQUENTLY, ANALYSIS FOR POLLEN  
IN THESE AND OTHER SPECIMENS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT  
IN VERIFYING THE TEAM'S IMPRESSION. DEAN

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