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COLLECTED AS CONTROL SAMPLES BOTH AT THE ATTACK SITE AND AT THE CONTROL SITE. THERE WERE ONLY TWO SMALL ROCKS FOUND WITH ANY YELLOW SPOTS ON THEM; ONE WAS INCLUDED AS TH-840209-3DL. A SEARCH OF THE CONTROL SITE REVEALED TWO YELLOW SPOTS SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND AT THE ATTACK SITE WHICH WERE ON SEPARATE, LARGE LEAVES LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY METERS APART. ONE OF THOSE LEAVES IS SAMPLE NUMBER TH-840209-10DL. ALL TH-840209 SAMPLES WERE PLACED ON ICE IMMEDIATELY UPON COLLECTION AND HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY REFRIGERATED SINCE.

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- 4. (U) SYMPTOMOLOGY: NONE OBSERVED OR REPORTED.
- 5. (U) THESE SAMPLES HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH THE ROYAL THAI ARMY.
- 6. (U) OTHER DETAILS:

- A. (C) ON 2 FEBRUARY 1984, THIS POST'S CBW TEAM LEARNED THAT TWO ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACKS HAD OCCURRED ON THAI SOIL. THE FIRST ONE WAS REPORTED ON 31 DECEMBER 1983 NORTHEAST OF NHAO PLAI KHLONG VICINITY TU 4388 AND THE SECOND ON 21 JANUARY 1984 NEAR NHAO PLAI KHLONG VICINITY TU 4636. AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM THE ROYAL THAI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SUPREME COMMAND TO INVESTIGATE THESE INCIDENTS, THE CHEMICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE CBW TEAM TRAVELLED TO TRAT PROVINCE, IN THE COMPANY OF A THAI MILITARY ESCORT ON 9 FEBRUARY 1984. UPON ARRIVING AT A BORDER THAI MARINE COMMAND POST, IT WAS LEARNED THAT YET ANOTHER YELLOW SPOT INCIDENT HAD BEEN REPORTED ON 23 JANUARY 1984 AT TU 3698.

- B. (C) A THAI MARINE CORPS WING COMMANDER AT

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TH-840209-11DL SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

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- 1. (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.
- 2. (U) SHIPPING INFORMATION: REF A AND B.
- 3. (C) DETAILS OF COLLECTION: CBW SAMPLES TH-840209-1DL THRU TH-840209-11DL WERE COLLECTED BY THE CHEMICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THIS POST'S CBW TEAM IN RESPONSE TO A REPORT BY THE ROYAL THAI ARMY (RTA) OF AN ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACK ON THAI SOIL NEAR THE KAMPUCHEAN BORDER ON 3 FEBRUARY 1984. TH-840209-1DL THRU TH-840209-7DL WERE COLLECTED AT THE REPORTED SITE OF THE ATTACK, VICINITY TU 399944. TH-840209-8DL THRU TH-840209-11DL WERE COLLECTED AT A CONTROL SITE VICINITY TU 387936, APPROXIMATELY 1500 METERS FROM THE REPORTED ATTACK SITE. TH-840209-1DL WAS SCRAPED FROM LARGE ROCKS; WHERE POSSIBLE, SPOTS WERE LIFTED INTACT. TH-840209-2DL AND TH-840209-11DL WERE COLLECTED FROM STAGNANT WATER AND APPARENTLY SEPARATE STREAMS. ALL LEAF SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED BY TYPE OF SPOTS THEY EXHIBITED, THOSE LEAVES HAVING NO SPOTS AND THOSE HAVING WHITE OR RUST SPOTS WERE

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THE CHANTABURI-TRAT SECURITY FORCE HEADQUARTERS WHICH IS CHARGED WITH BORDER SECURITY IN THAT PART OF THAILAND STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE YELLOW SPOTS CAN BE SPRAYED FROM AIRCRAFT BECAUSE THE SPOTS ARE TOO LARGE TO BE CAUSED BY A SPRAY. HE BELIEVED THAT THE YELLOW SPOTS ARE DELIVERED BY MORTAR OR ARTILLERY WITH A GROUND BURST. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE SPOTS WERE TOO BIG TO BE BEE FECES.

- C. (C) A THAI MARINE LIEUTENANT (0-3), WHO SERVES AS THE S2/S3 OF THE MARINE BATTALION CHARGED WITH BORDER SECURITY IN TRAT PROVINCE EXPRESSED AN OPINION THAT THE YELLOW SPOTS MUST BE DELIVERED BY SPRAY FROM AN AIRPLANE SINCE THE SPOTS, HE SAID, WERE ON THE TOPS OF TREES AS WELL AS ON THE GROUND. HE OBSERVED THOUGH THAT THE AIRPLANES MUST FLY QUOTE VERY HIGH UNQUOTE SINCE HIS BATTALION HAD NOT OBSERVED ANY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA RECENTLY. HE STATED THAT QUOTE VERY HIGH UNQUOTE MEANS IN EXCESS OF THREE THOUSAND FEET. THIS SAME OFFICER SAID THAT THE YELLOW SPOTS WERE INITIALLY DETECTED BY SMUGGLERS RESTING AT THIS SITE. THEY WERE NOT READILY APPARENT TO A CASUAL OBSERVER AND APPEARED TO CAUSE NO SICKNESS OR IRRITATION.

- D. (C) ONLY THE MOST RECENT SITE WAS EXAMINED

- E. (C) THE INCIDENT SITE (TU 399944) WAS THE JUNCTION OF A JUNGLE FOOTPATH AND A STREAM THAT RUNS GENERALLY EAST-WEST AT THAT POINT. ACCORDING TO THAI MILITARY FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA, THIS JUNCTION IS USED AS A NORMAL RESTING PLACE FOR SMUGGLERS CROSSING FROM THAILAND TO KAMPUCHEA AND RETURNING. THE LOCATION IS APPROXIMATELY FIVE KILOMETERS FROM THE NEAREST ROAD ON THE THAI SIDE. THE JUNCTION IS GENERALLY FREE FROM OVERHEAD COVER.

- F. (U) YELLOW SPOTS WERE PRIMARILY ON LARGE ROCKS (AT LEAST 150 CM IN DIAMETER) AND BROAD-LEAVED PLANTS. ONLY ONE GRASS BLADE WAS FOUND WITH A YELLOW SPOT AND ONLY TWO PEBBLES WERE FOUND WITH YELLOW SPOTS, ALTHOUGH GRASS AND PEBBLES ABOUNDED AT THE SITE. NO YELLOW SPOTS WERE SEEN ON THE FOOTPATH ITSELF (THIS COULD BE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, BY FOOT TRAFFIC WIPING OUT ANY SPOTS IN THE INTERVENING SEVEN DAYS, SINCE THE SPOTS WERE REPORTED). WE WERE UNABLE TO VERIFY THAT YELLOW SPOTS WERE ON TOP OF THE TREES IN THE VICINITY.

- G. (U) THE CONTAMINATED AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 90 METERS IN DIAMETER AND EXTENDED GENERALLY ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF THE STREAM AND ON ROCKS IN THE STREAM ITSELF. SPOTS VARIED IN SIZE FROM TWO TO FIVE MM IN DIAMETER AND IN DENSITY FROM 30 TO 50 SPOTS PER SQUARE METER. THE ELEVATION OF THE CONTAMINATED AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 90 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL. A SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE FOR ANY INDICATION OF EXPLOSIONS HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN THE VICINITY AND

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NONE WERE NOTED.

H. (U) THE CONTROL SITE LOCATED AT TU 387936 WAS SIMILAR TO THE INCIDENT SITE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: THE STREAM AT THE CONTROL SITE WAS PRIMARILY STAGNANT WHILE THE STREAM AT THE INCIDENT SITE WAS PRIMARILY CLEAR, AND RAPIDLY FLOWING. THERE WERE NO LARGE ROCKS AT THE CONTROL SITE. THE CONTROL SITE IS NOT AN ESTABLISHED RESTING PLACE FOR SMUGGLERS. AS REPORTED ABOVE, TWO YELLOW SPOTS WERE FOUND AT THE CONTROL SITE.

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