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TAGS: MOPS, TH, CB,
SUBJECT: **ALLEGED CHEMICAL WEAPON**
1. (CONFIDENTIAL-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ON 12 MARCH 1984, THIS POST'S CBW TEAM WAS NOTIFIED BY THE ROYAL THAI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS THAT THE ROYAL THAI ARMY (RTA) WAS IN POSSESSION OF AN ALLEGED CHEMICAL ROCKET CAPTURED BY KHMER SERIE NEAR BAN SA NGAE (AMPIL) (TA 7455) CAMBODIA. IN THE AFTERNOON OF 12 MARCH, THE CHEMICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE CBW TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY A SENIOR RTA OFFICER, TRAVELLED TO A NEARBY RTA ORDNANCE DEPOT TO INSPECT THE WEAPON.

3. ENROUTE TO THE DEPOT, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE WEAPON WAS A U.S. MADE 2.75 INCH ROCKET MOTOR PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED BY A POLITICAL SECTION OFFICER OF THIS POST. THE KPNLF REPORTED THE ROCKET MOTOR AS A CHEMICAL WEAPON TO THE RTA WHEN IT WAS TURNED OVER TO THAI AUTHORITIES. THEY (THE KPNLF) REPORTEDLY MAINTAIN THAT ONE OF THEIR SOLDIERS SUFFERED SKIN IRRITATION OF THE HANDS WHEN HE TOUCHED THE ROCKET.

4. THE ROCKET MOTOR WAS EXAMINED AND THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTIONS WERE NOTED:

- A. ON THE BODY IN BLACK LETTERING:
- "2.75 INCH ROCKET MOTOR MK 40 MOD 3"
- "LOT BBG 2-415-73A"

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- B. ON THE FINS (FOUR EACH) ENGRAVED:
- "FTA-72"

- C. ON ONE FIN IN BLACK LETTERING:
- "FTA-10-155"

- D. TORQUE INSTRUCTIONS ON WHITE COUPLING
- "TORQUE HEAD TO 55 10 FT LBS."

5. THE ROCKET MOTOR IS INTACT FROM THE TAIL SECTION TO THE COUPLING FOR THE WARHEAD. THE WARHEAD APPEARS

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