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WHICH COVERS THE PERIOD FROM WHEN THE TEAM CHIEF ENTERED ON DUTY ON OCTOBER 17, 1983 TO MARCH 31, 1984. THE MILITARY MEMBERS ARRIVED NOVEMBER 19, AND DECEMBER 8, 1983 AND THE TEAM OPERATED ON A VERY LIMITED BUDGET UNTIL MID-MARCH, 1984. THE LIMITED BUDGET PROHIBITED THE LEASING OF VEHICLES AND THE HIRING OF A SECRETARY AND CAMBODIAN AND HMONG INTERPRETERS. THE MOA WAS FINALLY SIGNED BY DOD AND STATE DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 15 AND MARCH 19, 1984, RESPECTIVELY.

2. (U) SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- A. (C) THE TEAM HAS RECEIVED THE COOPERATION OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES ESSENTIAL TO THE ACCESS TO SENSITIVE AREAS FOR THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION AND COLLECTION OF PRIMARY EVIDENCE OF CBW USE IN INDOCHINA. THIS THAI GOVERNMENT COOPERATION EXTENDS TO LABORATORY AND HOSPITAL SUPPORT FOR THE TEAM'S EFFORTS AND VASTLY MULTIPLIES THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE TEAM.

THE TEAM INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS MUTUAL INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT WITH THE RTG TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM INCIDENT REPORTING, ACCESS, AND MEDICAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

- B. (U) CONCURRENTLY WITH THE RTG RELATIONSHIP

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THE TEAM HAS DEVELOPED CONTACTS WITH THE HMONG AND FREE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE GROUPS AND PROVIDED COLLECTION EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROPER SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION OF CBW EVIDENCE.

- C. (U) REGARDING INTERNAL OPERATIONS, THE TEAM HAS DEVELOPED AN SOP FOR SYSTEMATIZED EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A COMPUTERIZED INCIDENT REPORT CONSISTING OF QUESTIONNAIRE, PHYSICAL EXAM, AND CLINICAL AND LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE

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FUTURE RAPID ANALYSIS OF DATA.

- D. (U) THE TEAM HAS SUBMITTED TEN CBW USE REPORTS AND FOURTEEN SAMPLE REPORTS COVERING A TOTAL OF 54 SAMPLES. THESE REPORTS WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE EMBASSY'S JUSMAG, POLITICAL, REFUGEE, DAO, AND ADMINISTRATION /GSO SECTIONS, AND THE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER WHICH SHARED THEIR PERSONNEL AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES WITH THE LONG UNFUNDED TEAM.

3. (U) ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

-- A. (U) TRAVEL: U.S. TEAM MEMBERS HAVE LOGGED 89 MAN-DAYS OF TRAVEL IN THAILAND OUTSIDE BANGKOK AND 37 MAN-DAYS OF TDY IN THE USA.

- B. (U) LOCALLY HIRED PERSONNEL: A CLEARED U.S. CITIZEN SECRETARY WAS HIRED ON MARCH 12, 1984. A THAI CITIZEN CAMBODIAN INTERPRETER/DRIVER ON MARCH 19, 1984 AND A THAI CITIZEN HMONG INTERPRETER/DRIVER ON MARCH 29, 1984.

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C. (U) TRANSPORTATION: TWO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

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D. (U) MEDICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION EQUIPMENT: THE TEAM HAS SPENT U.S. DOLLARS 1,096.00 ON MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND U.S. DOLLARS 995.00 ON ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION EQUIPMENT FROM LOCAL SOURCES. OTHER EQUIPMENT IS ON ORDER FROM THE U.S. BUT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.

E. (U) FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW OF OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

- TRAVEL	4,605.
- SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC POUCH RUNS TO TRANSMIT CBW SPECIMENS	257.
- CONTRACT PERSONNEL	2,013.
- PUBLICATIONS	162.
- OFFICE EQUIPMENT	279.
- TOTAL	7,316.

F. (U) OTHER EQUIPMENT: ONLY PURCHASES REQUIRED FOR THE MINIMAL TEAM FUNCTIONING WILL BE MADE UNTIL THE TEAM IS FULLY FUNDED AND SUCH EXPENDITURES AS RADIOS AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THAT TIME.

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5. (U) REMAINING ISSUES:

- A. (U) DOD FUNDING AND SAMPLING EQUIPMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.
- B. (U) THERE IS A NEED FOR A RIGOROUS STUDY OF BACKGROUND LEVELS OF TRICHOHECENES IN TARGET POPULATIONS. CANADA IS INITIATING A STUDY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE, AT THIS POINT, TO EVALUATE THE METHODOLOGY FOR THEIR STUDY DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL DATA. A PROPOSAL BY TWO THAI SCIENTISTS TO CONDUCT SIMILAR STUDY HAS NOT BEEN RESPONDED TO BY THE USG.
- C. (U) WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS, REPORTS OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF SAMPLES ARE NOT BEING RECEIVED BY THE TEAM FROM J.S. LABORATORIES. DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TEAM AND LABORATORIES IS ESSENTIAL AND NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED.

6. (S) GOALS:

- B. (U) MONITOR THE CANADIAN EFFORT TO DETERMINE BACKGROUND LEVELS OF TRICHOHECENES.

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- C. (U) OBTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGIC CONTROLS, UNDER AN AFMIC-APPROVED PROTOCOL, TO ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF NATURALLY OCCURRING TRICHOHECENES.
- D. (U) THROUGH CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE RTG, DEVELOP A FASTER RESPONSE CAPABILITY UPON NOTIFICATION OF AN ALLEGED CBW INCIDENT.
- E. (U) DEVELOP A FIELD-TESTED SOP FOR SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF SUSPECTED

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CHEMICAL AGENTS AND ALLEGED VICTIMS WHICH CAN BE APPLIED TO ANY CONCEIVABLE SITUATION AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION. TO ACHIEVE THIS WILL REQUIRE THE UTMOST COORDINATION WITH USAFSTC, USAMRIID, AFMIC, AND USACRDC.

- F. (U) INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF STANDARD LABORATORY TESTS IN THAI MILITARY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR THE MORE SPECIFIC ELIMINATION OF POSSIBLE DISEASE ETIOLOGIES FROM THE LONG LIST OF DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES WHICH EXISTS IN ALLEGED CBW VICTIMS. DEAN

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