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1. ON 19 APRIL 1984, THE ROYAL THAI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS NOTIFIED THIS POST'S CBW TEAM THAT THREE TO FOUR ADDITIONAL VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL AT KHAO I DANG REFUGEE HOLDING CENTER, PRACHINBURI PROVINCE, THAILAND (TA 4839). IN RESPONSE TO THAT REPORT, THE CHEMICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE CBW TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY A ROYAL THAI NAVY CAPTAIN PHYSICIAN AND A SUPREME COMMAND ESCORT OFFICER TRAVELLED TO KHAO I DANG ON 20-21 APRIL TO INVESTIGATE.

2. FOUR VICTIMS OF ALLEGED CHEMICAL WEAPONS WERE IDENTIFIED IN ADDITION TO THOSE PERSONS PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED AND EXAMINED (REFTEL):

- [REDACTED] A 27 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 16 APRIL 1984, COMPLAINED OF VOMITING, TIGHTNESS IN CHEST, NAUSEA, EYE IRRITATION, AND UNCONFIRMED LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AS A RESULT OF YELLOW, GREEN AND ORANGE SMOKE FROM MULTIPLE MORTAR ROUNDS. CURRENT REVIEW OF SYSTEMS WAS NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR SKIN RASH WHICH WAS NOTED AFTER HOSPITALIZATION. THE PATIENT'S HOSPITAL RECORD SHOWED DIAGNOSIS OF SMOKE INHALATION AND THE PATIENT WAS ONLY MEDICALLY OBSERVED. THE CHEST X-RAY WAS NORMAL. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WERE MINIMAL. THE THAI PHYSICIAN DIAGNOSED THE SKIN RASH AS RESULTING FROM A

NORMAL FUNGAL INFECTION.

- [REDACTED] A 24 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL 18 APRIL 1984, COMPLAINED OF TIGHTNESS IN CHEST, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, WEAKNESS, DIZZINESS, AND UNCONFIRMED LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AS AS RESULT OF DARK BLUE SMOKE FROM A SINGLE MORTAR ROUND. CURRENT REVIEW OF SYSTEMS WAS NEGATIVE. THE PATIENT'S HOSPITAL RECORD SHOWED A DIAGNOSIS OF SMOKE INHALATION AND THE PATIENT WAS ONLY MEDICALLY OBSERVED. NO CHEST X-RAY WAS TAKEN. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WERE MINIMAL.

- C. [REDACTED] A 27 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 17 APRIL 1984, COMPLAINED OF TIGHTNESS IN CHEST, DIZZINESS, WEAKNESS, AND UNCONFIRMED LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AS A RESULT OF SMOKE FROM A MORTAR ROUND. CURRENT REVIEW OF SYMPTOMS REVEALED CONTINUED DIZZINESS AND TIGHTNESS IN CHEST, A HEALING SUPERFICIAL SCRAPHIEL WOUND IN THE NECK AND A RASH ON ON ARMS AND LEGS WHICH DEVELOPED SINCE ADMITTANCE TO HOSPITAL. THE PATIENT'S HOSPITAL RECORD SHOWED A DIAGNOSIS OF SMOKE INHALATION AND THE PATIENT WAS ONLY MEDICALLY OBSERVED. CHEST X-RAY REVEALED INCREASED BRONCHIAL MARKING WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE THAI PHYSICIAN WAS PROBABLY DUE TO "DUST". SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WERE MINIMAL.

- D. [REDACTED] A 23 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 17 APRIL 1984, COMPLAINED OF TIGHTNESS IN CHEST, WEAKNESS, DIZZINESS, COMPLETE LOSS OF STRENGTH, EYE IRRITATION, TEARING, BLURRED VISION, RUNNY NOSE, VOMITING WITHOUT NAUSEA, AND UNCONFIRMED LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS RESULTING FROM YELLOW AND DARK COLORED SMOKE FROM MULTIPLE ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE

MPGI ROUNDS. CURRENT REVIEW OF SYSTEMS REVEALED CONTINUING TIGHTNESS IN CHEST, PRODUCTIVE COUGH WITH CLOUDY SPUTUM AND A SUPERFICIAL WOUND ON THE ANKLE. THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD WAS UNAVAILABLE SINCE HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DISCHARGED.

3. ALL PATIENTS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN FIGHTING AT BAN SA NGAE (TA 7549).

4. THE ACCOMPANYING THAI PHYSICIAN CONCLUDED THAT ALL FOUR VICTIMS SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION AND THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT CLINICAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A FINDING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE. THE THAI PHYSICIAN DID NOT DO A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION ON THESE FOUR ALLEGED VICTIMS.

5. USDAO, BANGKOK, HAS STATED THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CIR'S: C-JT2-40404/U-UPH-42715. ROY

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