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R 250717Z APR 84
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO DIRAFNHC FT DETRICK MD//AFMIC-CR/
INFO DIA WASHINGTON DC//DT-3B/DT-5//
CDR/CROC EDGEWOOD MD//DRSMC-RAI-C/DRSMC-
CDR/TE ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND MD//SCT/
SECSTATE WASHDC 2501
CIA WASHDC//OSVR//
USMISSION GENEVA
USMISSION USOH NEW YORK
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
WHITEHOUSE WASHDC
SECDEF WASHDC//OCD-ISA//
USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI
COMIPAC HONOLULU HI
COMUSCINCPAC FT SHAFTER HI
OIRNSA FT GEO MEADE MD
DA WASHDC//DAHI-F11/DAHO-MCC//
CMOT/USACMUS FT MCLELLAN AL//ATZM-
CDR//STC CHARLOTTEVILLE VA//DRKST-
CDRUSAMH10 FT DETRICK MD

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CIA FOR OSVR DR. GREENE
SECDEF FOR OSD-ISA LTCDL WISE
DA FOR DAMO-MCC COL ORTON
GENEVA FOR U.S. CO OEL AND USGCC

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TAGS: HOPC, TH, LA,
SUBJECT: CW SAMPLE REPORT FROM BAN VINAI INTERVIEW
FOLLOW-UP.
REF: A. FT DETRICK 9432 312050Z JAN 84, B. BANGKOK
15421 221233Z MAR 84, C. FT DETRICK 5353 047002Z
APR 84, D. BANGKOK 19516 160709Z APR 84, E. PAULSON,
R.F., ET. AL., FEB 1984, "PLENOMEGALY IN HONG
REFUGEES", ARCH INT. MED. VOL 144, PP 257-268.

- 1. THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED
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2. SHIPPING INFORMATION: RETEL D.
3. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

TH-840410-1MS IS FIVE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
30 YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-2MS IS 25 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
TH-840410-3MS IS 25 ML URINE FROM
35 YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-4MS IS NINE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-5MS IS NINE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-6MS IS 30 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
25
YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-7MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
19 YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-8MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-9MS IS 20 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
TH-840410-10MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-11MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM

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TH-840410-12MS IS 25 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
EIGHT YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-13MS IS THREE ML HUMAN URINE FROM
FIVE YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-14MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
28 YEAR OLD HONG FEMALE.
TH-840410-15MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-16MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-17MS IS FOUR ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-18MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN URINE FROM
APPROX. 25 YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-19MS IS 30 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
FOUR YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-20MS IS 30 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
APPROX. 40 YEAR OLD HONG FEMALE.
TH-840410-21MS IS EIGHT ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-22MS IS FOUR ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-23MS IS TEN ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-24MS IS TEN ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-25MS IS NINE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-26MS IS FIVE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
15 YEAR OLD HONG FEMALE.
TH-840410-27MS IS NINE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-28MS IS THREE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
16 YEAR OLD HONG FEMALE.
TH-840410-29MS IS FOUR ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-30MS IS FOUR ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-31MS IS 30 ML HUMAN URINE FROM
TH-840410-32MS IS TEN ML HUMAN URINE FROM
TH-840410-33MS IS FOUR ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
YANG, 41 YEAR OLD HONG MALE.
TH-840410-34MS IS FIVE ML HUMAN BLOOD FROM
TH-840410-35MS IS HUMAN URINE FROM

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4. DETAILS OF COLLECTION:

A. SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED BY THIS POST'S CBW TEAM
PHYSICIAN AT THE REQUEST OF DIR, AFMIC AS A FOLLOW-UP
TO BIOLOGICAL SAMPLING OF THE SAME ALLEGED VICTIMS
CONDUCTED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1983. THE
FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE SAMPLED AS THE VICTIM
POPULATION:

OTHER VICTIMS COULD NOT BE SAMPLED DUE TO
REFUSALS AND UNAVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO
SAMPLE INFANTS

B. CONTROL POPULATION SAMPLED CONSISTS OF:

[REDACTED]

C. BLOOD SAMPLES WERE PRESERVED WITH 50 MG OF SODIUM
FLUORIDE. ALL SAMPLES WERE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY
AFTER COLLECTION AND HAVE REMAINED REFRIGERATED SINCE.

D. SYMPTOMOLOGY: ALL DONORS WERE EXAMINED BY THE
TEAM PHYSICIAN AND THE RESULTS OF THOSE EXAMS WILL BE
FORWARDED SEPARATELY. THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL
SUMMARY OF CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS NOTED:

UNRELATED CONTROLS:

19 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM
25 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

FAMILY:

30 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

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[REDACTED] 20 YEAR OLD FEM. ROS NEG., PE NORM

WIFE

[REDACTED] YEAR OLD FEM. ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 3 YEAR OLD FEM. ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 1 YEAR OLD FEM. ROS NEG., PE HEAT

DAUGHTERS RASH

FAMILY:

[REDACTED] 35 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 33 YEAR OLD FEM. ROS NEG., PE NORM

WIFE

[REDACTED] 8 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 5 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 4 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 1 YEAR OLD MALE ROS NEG., PE NORM

SONS

FAMILY:

[REDACTED] 45 YEAR OLD MALE ROS 6 YEARS LUO ABDOMINAL PAIN, 15KG WT. LOSS OVER ONE YEAR, ICTERUS 7 DAYS AGO (RESOLVED), NO HISTORY OF MALARIA, TBC PE LUO TENDERNESS, SPLEEN 12CM BELOW LCM OTHERWISE NORMAL ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] 40 YEAR OLD FEM WIFE

[REDACTED] 4 YEAR OLD MALE SON ROS NEG., PE SUPERFICIAL ABRASIONS LEFT FOOT

[REDACTED] 20 YEAR OLD MALE SON ROS 3 YEARS SPLENOMEGALY, HISTORY OF MALARIA PE SPLENOMEGALY 3CM BELOW LCM OTHERWISE NORMAL

EXAM

[REDACTED] 15 YEAR OLD FEM. DAUGHTER ROS FEVER SIX MONTHS AGO, NO PULMONARY SYMPTOM. PE BILAT RHONCHI AP, OTHERWISE NORMAL

[REDACTED] 15 YEAR OLD FEM. WIFE OF [REDACTED] ROS NEG., PE NORM

[REDACTED] OCCURRED IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1982. REINTERVIEW INDICATED THAT ALL THREE GROUPS LIVED IN THE SAME VILLAGE, THEIR HOUSES BEING TEN METERS APART. HOWEVER, THE FIELDS BELONGING TO EACH FAMILY WERE SEPARATE FROM THE VILLAGE AND EACH FAMILY REPORTED THE ATTACK IN THEIR FIELDS.

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HIS FIELDS, WHICH ARE A 15 TO 30 MINUTE WALK FROM THE VILLAGE, WERE CONTAMINATED "LATE IN 1982" AND THE AREA CONTAMINATED WAS APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS IN DIAMETER. HE REPORTED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY CHEMICAL ATTACK HE HAD EXPERIENCED. HIS WIFE [REDACTED] PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVIEW AS DID HIS SON, [REDACTED] AND THE TIMING AND LOCATION OF THE ATTACK COULD NOT BE RESOLVED WITH ANY GREATER DETAIL.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE LAST YELLOW RAIN INCIDENT OCCURRED "ABOUT THE 8TH" OF DECEMBER, 1982 IN HIS FIELDS WHICH ARE ABOUT A 30 MINUTE WALK FROM THE VILLAGE. HE SAID THE CONTAMINATED AREA WAS "AT LEAST A 30 MINUTE WALK ACROSS". HIS WIFE [REDACTED] STATED THAT YELLOW CONTAMINANTS WERE SEEN THREE METERS FROM HER HOUSE BUT COULD NOT GIVE ENOUGH DETAIL TO CORROBORATE OR CONTRADICT HER HUSBAND'S STORY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS THE LAST OF SEVEN SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN 1982.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE LAST CHEMICAL ATTACK OCCURRED ON 26 JANUARY 1983, IN THE FOREST CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE. HE SAID THE AREA CONTAMINATED WAS TWELVE KILOMETERS BY APPROXIMATELY FOUR KILOMETERS. HIS WIFE [REDACTED] WAS PROMPTED BY [REDACTED] TO "TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW CHEMICALS" AT THE START OF HER INTERVIEW BUT SHE DID NOT REPORT ANY DETAILS. [REDACTED] REPORTED THREE PREVIOUS SIMILAR ATTACKS IN 1982.

4. USADO, BANGKOK STATES THAT THIS INFORMATION IS IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THEIR CIR'S: C-372-00404/U-UPN-02715.

B. COMMENT:

A. OVERALL, THE HEALTH OF THE BAN VINAI REFUGEE FAMILIES WAS GOOD. THE TWO EXCEPTIONS ARE [REDACTED] AND HIS SON [REDACTED] WHO HAD SPLENOMEGALY. ONE OF THESE TWO HAD A HISTORY OF RECENT MALARIA. THESE INDIVIDUALS PROBABLY HAVE "TROPICAL SPLENOMEGALY SYNDROME" WHICH IS WELL DESCRIBED IN REF E. DUE TO THE LACK OF LABORATORY FACILITIES, MALARIA SMEARS, STOOLS FOR O AND P, IFT'S, HEPATITIS PANEL, ETC. COULD NOT BE PERFORMED TO SYSTEMATICALLY APPROACH THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF SPLENOMEGALY.

B. THE MHONG CULTURE DOES NOT COMPARTMENTALIZE UNITS OF TIME AS TIGHTLY AS WE WHO HAVE BROKEN OUR LIVES INTO SECONDS, MINUTES, HOURS AND DAYS. THEIR TIME BLOCKS ARE BY SEASONS AND AS A RESULT ANY EFFORT TO CONFIRM A SPECIFIC DATE OF A GIVEN INCIDENT IS USUALLY FRUSTRATED. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTING DETAILS AMONG THE DIFFERENT MHONG REPORTERS IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. WE KNOW THAT ALL THREE FAMILIES LIVED TOGETHER IN THE SAME VILLAGE AND THEY TRAVELLED TOGETHER TO THAILAND. THEY ALL REPORTED AN ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACK IN THE VICINITY OF THEIR VILLAGE, WITHIN AN APPROXIMATE FOUR MONTH TIME PERIOD IN WHICH PEOPLE GOT SICK BUT NO ONE DIED AND THE COLOR OF THE CHEMICAL WAS YELLOW. NO FURTHER RESOLUTION OF DETAIL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AT THIS POINT. ROY

6. THESE SAMPLES HAVE NOT BEEN SHARED WITH ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR AGENCY.

7. OTHER DETAILS:

A. DURING THE PERIOD 10-11 APRIL 1984, THE CBW TEAM LEADER AND CHEMICAL OFFICER CONDUCTED COMPLETE REINTERVIEWS OF THE HEADS OF FAMILY OF GROUPS TWO THROUGH FOUR (REFTEL B). QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

B. THE ONLY QUESTION POSED BY REFTEL A WHICH REQUIRED CLARIFICATION REINTERVIEWS OF THESE GROUPS WAS WHETHER THE EXPOSURE OF [REDACTED]

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