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 CIA WASHDC//OSWR//  
 WHITEHOUSE WASHDC  
 SECDEF WASHDC//OSD-ISA//  
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 COMIPAC HONOLULU HI  
 DIRNSA FT GEO MEADE MD  
 DA WASHDC//DAMI-FIT/DAMO-NCC//  
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DEPT FOR PM/TMP COL LEONARD  
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 SECDEF FOR OSD-ISA LTCOL WISE  
 DA FOR DAMO-NCC COL ORTON

EO 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: MOPS, TH, LA  
 SUBJECT: HMONG LEADERSHIP PRESSURE FOR CBW TEST RESULTS.

1. ON APRIL 7, 1984, THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE HMONG LIVING  
 IN THE BAN VINAI REFUGEE CAMP IN LOEI PROVINCE, NORTHEAST  
 THAILAND, [REDACTED] INFORMED THE CBW TEAM LEADER  
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THAT THE HMONG IN THAT CAMP WOULD NO LONGER COOPERATE  
WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING INFORMATION AND

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BIOLOGIC SAMPLES BECAUSE THE USG HAS NOT PROVIDED RESULTS OF TESTING ON BIOLOGIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES PROVIDED BY THE HMONG OVER THE YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE PEOPLE WHO STUDY THE CBW PROBLEM RECEIVE THEIR SALARIES AND HAVE BUDGETS BUT THE HMONG RECEIVE NOTHING, NOT EVEN INFORMATION. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO BENEFIT IN COOPERATION FOR HIS PEOPLE AND UNDERLINED HIS DETERMINATION BY ADDING THAT HE WOULD NOT EVEN COOPERATE ON THIS ISSUE WITH AMERICAN CITIZEN [REDACTED] WHO HAS LIVED OFF AND ON IN THE BAN VINAI CAMP SINCE 1980 AND WHO IS VERY FRIENDLY WITH [REDACTED] FYI: MR. [REDACTED] HAD RECENTLY AGREED TO ASSIST HE TEAM'S INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS WITH THE HMONG AND PROVIDE DAILY INTERFACE WITH THE LEADERSHIP.

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2. THE TEAM CHIEF WAS MAKING A ROUTINE VISIT TO BAN VINAI CAMP TO CHECK FOR ANY CBW INFORMATION FILTERING IN FROM LAOS ON THE HMONG "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" AND UPDATE THE HMONG RESPONSE TO A TEAM REQUEST FOR BIOLOGIC CONTROL SAMPLES.

3. THE TEAM HAD USED THE POSSIBILITY OF A PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFIT ACCRUING TO THE HMONG BY A BIOLOGIC CONTROL SURVEY AS A POSITIVE REASON FOR THE HMONG COMMUNITY TO COOPERATE AND DONATE BLOOD. [REDACTED] COUNTERED THIS BY SIMPLY INDICATING THAT RESULTS ARE NEVER GIVEN SO THERE IS NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE PASSED TO HELP THE HMONG.

4. COMMENT: THE TEAM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN WIDENING COOPERATION WITH THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT LARGELY BECAUSE THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING VALID DATA AND USEFUL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS  
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PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE THAT CONTINUING AND INCREASED COOPERATION WITH THE HMONG CAN ONLY BE ASSURED BY OUR PROVIDING SOCIALLY AND MEDICALLY USEFUL INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK REGARDING THE SAMPLE COLLECTION EFFORTS TO HELP THEM EVALUATE AND IMPROVE THOSE EFFORTS. DEAN

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