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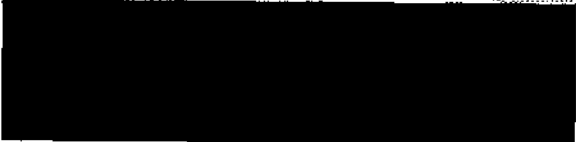
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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW SUMMARIES OF HMONG REFUGEES REGARDING
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2. THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF HMONG REFUGEE INTERVIEWS
CONDUCTED BY THE CRM TEAM CHIEF IN LOEI AND NONG KHAI
PROVINCES ON MAY 7 AND 8, 1984.

4. [REDACTED] IS A 35 YEAR OLD RESISTANCE LEADER WHO
LED 93 OTHER HMONG TO THAILAND CROSSING AT BUNG KAN
DISTRICT, NONG KHAI PROVINCE ON MAY 1, 1984. HIS GROUP
LIVED ON THE SIDE OF PHU BIA MOUNTAIN IN THE NAM KAN
STREAM AREA (IN) IN MUANG KHOM DISTRICT (DISTRICT TOWN

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COORDINATES: UG322361 OF XIANG KHOANG PROVINCE SINCE 1975. HE STATED THAT THE AREA WHERE HE LIVED WAS EAST OF LASANG TOWN WHICH WAS ONE HALF DAY WALK AWAY. LASANG REPORTEDLY IS OF SOME IMPORTANCE AS IT CONTAINS BOTH SAAM AND RUSSIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL BUT WE CANNOT LOCATE IT ON ANY MAP. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HIS GROUP ALWAYS LIVED OUTSIDE OF LPDR CONTROL AND LED A DIFFICULT LIFE IN THE JUNGLE PLANTING TAPIOCA AND, IN FORTUNATE TIMES, PLANTING RICE. HE STATED MATTER OF FACTLY THAT ONE HALF OF THE CHILDREN DIED. HE HAD 40 MEN UNDER HIS COMMAND BUT ONLY HAD FIVE WEAPONS INCLUDING ONE M-16 AND FOUR M-1 CARBINES. THEY AVOIDED CONTACT WITH LPDR/PAVN FORCES AND LOST TWO MEN (BOTH HIS UNCLE'S) SHOT WHILE WORKING IN A RICE FIELD IN JANUARY 1982. ONE LPDR COMPANY WAS STATIONED THREE HOURS WALK FROM THE HMONG GROUP'S LIVING AREA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS MARRIED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE DENIED EVER HAVING EXPERIENCED A CBW ATTACK NOR EVER HAVING SEEN ANY EVIDENCE OF CBW USE. WHEN QUESTIONED WHY MANY OTHER HMONG REFUGEES RELATE ACCOUNTS OF CBW ATTACKS AND HE AS A RESIDENT OF PHU RIA FOR EIGHT YEARS HAD SEEN NOTHING, [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS AN EDUCATED MAN WHO RELATED WHAT HE SAW AND NOT WHAT HE FELT. HE ADDED THAT OTHER HMONG ARE DIFFERENT IN THAT THEY RELATE WHAT THEY HEAR AND FEEL AND NOT WHAT THEY SEE AND THAT HE ALWAYS SPEAKS THE TRUTH. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE STUDIED TEACHING TECHNIQUES AT SAM THONG COLLEGE WHICH WAS ONE HOUR BY BUS FROM LONG CHENG. HE STATED THAT HE DEPARTED LAOS BECAUSE HE GAVE UP AS HE SAW THAT THE HMONG WOULD NEVER WIN BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO SUPPORT. NOTE: THE TEAM LEADER HAD TEAM'S THAT CITIZEN HMONG INTERPRETER CHECK WITH TWO CHILDREN IN THE SAME GROUP AS [REDACTED] TO CORROBORATE [REDACTED] STATEMENT THAT HIS GROUP HAD LIVED IN THE JUNGLE FOR EIGHT YEARS. THE CHILDREN CONFIRMED THE CLAIM.

5. [REDACTED] IS A 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE LOST SIX OF HER TEN CHILDREN IN A CBW ATTACK FROM A ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT DURING LAST HARVEST SEASON (NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1981). THE ALLEGED ATTACK TOOK PLACE IN A RICE FIELD ONE HOUR WALKING DISTANCE FROM PHU PAO VILLAGE, XIANG WANG XIENG DISTRICT (TF 7290), IN VIENTIANE PROVINCE. THE VILLAGE IS ONE DAYS WALK TO THE NORTH OF NAM NGUM CAM. [REDACTED] STATED THAT ON A CLOUDY AND WINDY MORNING A HELICOPTER PASSED OVER 77 HMONG WORKING IN A RICE FIELD. SHE HEARD AN EXPLOSION FOLLOWED BY A CREAM COLORED RAIN. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY BECAME DIZZY AND REMAINED SO FOR 10 DAYS. OTHER SYMPTOMS WERE VOMITING WITH BLOOD AND BLOODY DIARRHEA WHICH BOTH BEGAN IN TWO TO THREE HOURS AND LASTED FOR 24 HOURS IN THE CASE OF THE VOMITING AND ONE WEEK IN THE CASE OF THE DIARRHEA. SHE ALSO COMPLAINED OF BEING UNABLE TO SLEEP EVEN THOUGH BEING VERY TIRED. THIS LATTER

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CONDITION LASTED FOR 10 DAYS. AFTER 10 DAYS SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE FELT BETTER AND THAT ALL SYMPTOMS WERE GONE IN ONE MONTH. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT SHE SMOKED OPIUM AS A MEDICINAL TREATMENT. HER CHILDREN AGED FROM 17 YEARS TO FIVE MONTHS SUFFERED FROM BLOODY DIARRHEA AND VOMITING BLOOD. THEY DIED FROM THREE DAYS TO 17 DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK WITH THE OLDEST DYING FIRST. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT SOME OF THE CHILDREN HAD SKIN BLISTERS OVER THEIR ENTIRE BODIES. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT PIGS AND POULTRY WERE ALSO MADE SICK AND THAT THE LEAVES OF ALL PLANTS IN THE AREA WITHERED AS IF THEY HAD BEEN PUT IN HOT WATER. SHE CLAIMED THAT PLANT LEAVES IN A TWO KM AREA WERE AFFECTED AND THAT LARGE

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LEAFS HAD ABOUT FIVE SPOTS FALLING ON EACH. SHE STATED THAT THE ONLY LOCAL MILITARY TARGET WAS A RESISTANCE GROUP KNOWN TO BE IN THE AREA.

5. [REDACTED] IS A 28 YEAR OLD MALE WHO LIVED IN MUANG CHA VILLAGE (TF 8892), SAT SOMBOON DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE BEFORE ENTERING THAILAND AT NONG KHAI MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ON APRIL 30, 1984. HE STATED THAT MUANG CHA IS 60 TO 70 KM NORTHEAST OF THE NAM NOUM DAM IN THE FOOTHILLS OF PHU BTA MOUNTAIN. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WALKED THROUGH A 20 KM DIAMETER AREA COVERED BY CREAM COLORED SPOTS ON JAN. 14, 1984 AT THREE HOURS WALKING DISTANCE FROM HIS HOME AT MUANG CHA ON THE WAY TO SAT SAMLAN DISTRICT. THE SPOTS HAD A CONCENTRATION OF 1,000 PER METER SQUARE AND WERE ALREADY DRY. HE STATED THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OF THE SEVEN PEOPLE WALKING WITH HIM BECAME SICK. HE HAD NO COMMENTS ON A DELIVERY METHOD OR OTHER CAUSES OF THE SPOTS.

7. [REDACTED] IS A 30 YEAR OLD MALE WHO LIVED IN PHU BRAMAN VILLAGE, MUANG HOM DISTRICT, VIENTIANE PROVINCE BEFORE ENTERING THAILAND AT SRI CHIANG MAI DISTRICT ON APRIL 25, 1984. HE STATED THAT PHU BRAMAN WAS 70 MINUTES WALK TO THE EAST OF THE NAM NOUM DAM. HE CLAIMED TO BE A FORMER 2ND LT. AND DEPUTY COMPANY COMMANDER OF A COMPANY IN THE 4TH BATTALION OF THE VANG PAO ARMY. HE DEPARTED LAOS QUICKLY AS HE WAS FEARFUL OF ARREST AND LEFT BOTH HIS WIVES BEHIND. HE CLAIMED THAT IN EARLY JUNE, 1983 A FOUR JET ENGINE FIXED WING PLANE SIMILAR TO A B-52 BUT WITH A "SHORTER HEAD" FLEW OVER HIS VILLAGE AT EXACTLY 1130 HOURS AND SPRAYED AN OORLESS LIGHT BROWN LIQUID OVER THE VILLAGE. HE STATED THAT THE RESULTING SPOTS HAD A CONCENTRATION OF 50 PER SQUARE FOOT OF SURFACE AREA. [REDACTED] WAS WORKING ON THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE AND WAS DIRECTLY CONTAMINATED. HE DEVELOPED A FEVER TWO DAYS AFTER THE EVENT WHICH LASTED FOR FOUR MONTHS. THIS FEVER PRESENTED ITSELF EVERY MIDDAY FOR TWO HOURS. AFTER THE FOUR MONTHS OF FEVER, HE BECAME UNCONSCIOUS FOR FOUR DAYS. HE THEN DEVELOPED BLURRED VISION FOR ONE MONTH AND A NERVE PROBLEM WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A TIGHTNESS FROM THE TOP OF HIS HEAD DOWN HIS BACK ALONG HIS SPINE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE VOMITED BLOOD WHEN HE HAD THE TIGHT NERVES AND THAT IF HE WORKS HARD HE WILL VOMIT. HE STATED THAT THERE WERE 34 FAMILIES IN THE VTLAGE AND EVERY FANTLY SUFFERED SICKNESS. HE STATED THAT GOATS AND SHEEP BECAME ILL BUT THAT ALL OTHER ANIMALS WERE UNAFFECTED. THIN LEAVES NOTED OUT BUT THICK LEAVES DISPLAYED HOLES.

8. COPIES OF THE ORW QUESTIONNAIRES PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE PROVIDED DIA/DC/DT-3B/DT-5 UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

9. USDAO/BANGKOK STATES THAT THIS INFORMATION IS IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THEIR OIR: C-JT2-40404. ORAM

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