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WAS PULLED AND THEN ONLY A HISSING NOISE AS THE SMOKE CAME OUT OF THE BOX. THE SMOKE, WHICH WAS GREY IN COLOR, CAME DIRECTLY OUT OF THE HOLES, NO PROJECTILES WERE INVOLVED.

4. IN LATE 1978, DURING THE BATTLE FOR SVAY RIENG, [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HE SAW CHEMICAL ROUNDS FOR 105 AND 122 MM HOWITZERS AT WAT LOR, LOCATED EIGHT KILOMETERS FROM SVAY RIENG (NFI). THESE ROUNDS, HE SAID, WERE MANUFACTURED BY RUSSIA AND WERE FIRED FROM RUSSIAN-MADE 122 MM HOWITZERS AND CAPTURED, AMERICAN 105 MM HOWITZERS. AT WAT LOR, THERE WERE 23 105 MM HOWITZERS AND 50 122 MM HOWITZERS. EACH GUN HAD FOUR CHEMICAL ROUNDS AND FOUR HIGH EXPLOSIVE ROUNDS. THE CHEMICAL ROUNDS WERE PALE GREEN IN COLOR WHILE THE HE ROUNDS WERE OLIVE DRAB. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE PALE GREEN SHELLS WERE CHEMICAL BY A VIETNAMESE BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SHORTLY AFTER SEEING THESE ROUNDS, [REDACTED] COMPANY WAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT BY THE VIETNAMESE:

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- (1) A GAS MASK THAT COVERED THE ENTIRE HEAD AND WHICH HAD A HOSE CONNECTED FROM THE NOSE PORTION OF THE MASK TO A CANNISTER WORN ON THE HIP.
- (2) A PROTECTIVE GARMENT MADE OF RUBBER OR PLASTIC, SIMILAR TO A PILOT'S FLIGHT SUIT, AND WHICH HAD A ZIPPER IN THE FRONT. THE UNIFORM HAD AN AIR BULB WHICH COULD BE SQUEEZED TO INTRODUCE AIR INTO THE ZIPPED UP UNIFORM. THIS AIR BULB WAS ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE NECK OF THE SUIT WHEN NOT IN USE. THE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING AIR INTO THE UNIFORM WAS NOT REPEAT NOT TO RELIEVE HEAT STRESS BUT TO MAKE THE UNIFORM LESS TIGHT ON THE BODY.
- (3) GLOVES.
- (4) BOOTS CAME IN TWO SIZES, KNEE LENGTH AND MID-CALF LENGTH. LEGS OF THE PROTECTIVE SUITS WERE TO BE WORN INSIDE THE BOOTS.

- B. ON THE DAY OF THE CHEMICAL ATTACK NEAR OR AT SVAY RIENG, THE INFANTRY, TO INCLUDE [REDACTED] COMPANY, WAS TOLD TO PUT ON THEIR GAS MASKS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WITH THE PROTECTIVE SUITS ZIPPED TO THE NECK. AT 1200 HOURS, THE 122 MM HOWITZERS FIRED A CHEMICAL PREP. SMOKE FROM THE CHEMICAL ROUNDS WAS BRIGHT YELLOW IN COLOR. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE 105 MM HOWITZERS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PREP SINCE NINE OUT OF TEN 105 MM ROUNDS MANUFACTURED BY RUSSIA JAM IN THE TUBES OF THE CAPTURED AMERICAN  
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GUNS AND THE GUNS THEN HAVE TO BE ABANDONED.

- C. UPON COMPLETION OF THE ARTILLERY PREP, THE INFANTRY WAS ORDERED TO ADVANCE THROUGH THE PREPED AREA RAPIDLY. AS HIS COMPANY MOVED THROUGH THE AREA, [REDACTED] SAW AN ENEMY SOLDIER AND HIS FAMILY WHOSE SKIN BETWEEN THEIR FINGERS WAS BURNED AND BLEEDING. THE SOLDIER WAS SCRATCHING AS IF HE HAD AN INFECTION. WHEN [REDACTED] ASKED THIS SOLDIER QUESTIONS, THE SOLDIER WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER (NFI).

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- D. [REDACTED] ALSO SAW AN ESTIMATED ONE THOUSAND

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ENEMY SOLDIERS LAYING IN THE FIELDS AS A RESULT OF THE CHEMICAL PREP. THEIR EYES WERE OPEN AND THEY WERE STILL ALIVE BUT THEY COULD NOT FIGHT. THEY WERE VOMITING WITHOUT BLOOD AND THERE WERE NO OTHER WOUNDS ON THEIR BODIES. HE ALSO SAW WATERBUFFALO AND COWS IN THE SAME CONDITION AS THE MEN AND SOME DEAD PIGS AND DOGS.

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- E. DURING THE ADVANCE, SOME OF [REDACTED] OWN SOLDIERS STARTED VOMITING INSIDE THEIR MASK. AS SOON AS THE INFANTRY PASSED THROUGH THE CONTAMINATED AREA, A RUSSIAN MEDIC ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER (WITH WHEELS IN PLACE OF SKIDS AND TWO PROPELLERS) AND USED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO ASSIST THE PAVN SOLDIERS:

- (1) EACH SOLDIER WAS GIVEN TWO INTRAVENOUS (IV) INJECTIONS IN THE ARM. THE MEDICINE USED WAS RED IN COLOR AND BEFORE IT WAS INJECTED, IT WAS MIXED WITH A COLORLESS MEDICINE. ONCE ALL COLOR DISAPPEARED, THE MEDICINE WAS READY FOR INJECTION. AFTER THE FIRST SHOT WAS GIVEN, THE NEEDLE WAS LEFT

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IN PLACE IN THE ARM WHILE THE SYRINGE WAS REPLACED SO THE SECOND SHOT COULD BE GIVEN. THE NAME OR TYPE OF MEDICINE WAS NOT KNOWN.

- (2) EACH SOLDIER WAS RESUSCITATED BY PUTTING TUBES CONNECTED TO SEPARATE TANKS, WORN ON THE BACK OF THE MEDIC, INTO BOTH NOSTRILS AND THE MOUTH WAS KEPT OPEN. THEN THE MEDIC GRASPED THE SOLDIER UNDER HIS ARMPITS FROM BEHIND AND RAISED AND LOWERED HIS ARMS SEVERAL TIMES.

- F. SEVEN OF [REDACTED] SOLDIERS COLLAPSED FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE CHEMICAL BUT ALL RECOVERED AS A RESULT OF THE INJECTIONS AND RESUSCITATION. [REDACTED] HIMSELF, SUFFERED DIZZINESS AND UNCLEAR VISION BUT RECOVERED MORE THAN THIRTY MINUTES AFTER THE INJECTIONS AND RESUSCITATION.

5. [REDACTED] STATED THAT ON 18 FEBRUARY 1979, HIS COMPANY WAS INVOLVED IN A BORDER CLASH WITH CHINESE ALONG THE VIETNAMESE/CHINESE BORDER. DURING THAT BATTLE, THE VIETNAMESE ALSO USED CHEMICALS, BUT INEFFECTIVELY (NFI).

6. IN JANUARY 1980, [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS TAKEN TO THE UKRAINE IN RUSSIA (NFI) ALONG WITH FOUR RUSSIANS, UPON COMPLETION OF AN EXHAUSTIVE SECURITY INVESTIGATION. HE WAS BROUGHT TO AN INSTALLATION WHICH LOOKED LIKE A FACTORY AND WHICH WAS GUARDED BY A FENCE AND RUSSIAN MILITARY. HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO KNOW THE NAME OF THE FACILITY OR OF THE PLACE HE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS LOCATED.

- A. HE WAS PLACED INTO ROOM NUMBER 25 OF AN UNDERGROUND FACILITY AND THERE HE STUDIED AND LIVED FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. THERE WERE THREE RUSSIAN TEACHERS IN THE FACILITY WITH HIM, HE WAS THE ONLY STUDENT. IN THE ROOM WERE THREE TABLES, TWO COMPUTERS AND A MISSILE. IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS TEACHERS, HE CONSTANTLY WORE A HEADSET AND MICROPHONE. THEY SPOKE TO HIM IN CAMBODIAN. AS A RESULT OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO

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( LEARN A SINGLE WORD OF RUSSIAN DURING HIS STAY. HE REMAINED IN THIS FACILITY FOR THE ENTIRE TIME EXCEPT FOR ONE DAY, AFTER SIX MONTHS OF TRAINING, WHEN HE WAS FLOWN TO SIBERIA TO REST AND LOOK AT THE SNOW. HE FLEW BACK THAT SAME NIGHT.

- B. THE PURPOSE OF HIS STUDIES WAS TO LEARN HOW TO LOAD AND PREPARE FOR USE A CHEMICAL FILLED GUIDED MISSILE AND PROGRAM THE GUIDANCE COMPUTER. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY BOOKS NOR WAS HE PERMITTED TO MAKE NOTES. THE TRAINING CONSISTED SOLELY OF HANDS-ON TRAINING.

- C. WHEN ASKED WHAT THE NAME OR TYPE OF MISSILE WAS THAT HE WAS TRAINED ON, HE RESPONDED THAT THE ONLY REFERENCE MADE TO IT BY THE RUSSIANS WAS "YELLOW RAIN". THERE WERE THREE DIFFERENT MISSILES IN THE MISSILE FAMILY HE WAS TRAINED TO USE:

- (1) THE LARGEST WAS TEN METERS LONG AND 180 CM IN DIAMETER. ITS RANGE IS 1500 KM AND ITS IMPACT

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AREA IS TEN SQUARE KM. IT REQUIRES 500 VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY TO FIRE AND CONSISTS OF TWO PIECES (NF1).

- (2) ANOTHER OF THE FAMILY WAS TEN METERS LONG BUT HAD A SMALLER DIAMETER. IT REQUIRED 350 VOLTS TO FIRE AND HAD AN IMPACT AREA OF FIVE SQUARE KM. IT CONSISTED OF FIVE PIECES.

- (3) THE THIRD MISSILE HAD THE SAME DIMENSIONS, PIECES AND FIRING REQUIREMENTS BUT THE IMPACT AREA WAS THREE AND ONE HALF SQUARE KM.

- D. HE STATED THAT THE MISSILE WAS FILLED WITH THREE CHEMICALS:

- (1) THE FIRST WAS OFF-WHITE IN COLOR AND WAS RELEASED FIRST IN THE IMPACT AREA. IT WAS CONTAINED IN A COMPARTMENT NEXT TO THE NOSE CONE OF THE MISSILE.

- (2) THE SECOND AND THIRD CHEMICALS WERE OF THE SAME COLOR, DARK BROWN, AND WERE CONTAINED IN THE SECOND AND THIRD COMPARTMENTS MAKING UP THE BODY OF THE MISSILE. THEY WERE RELEASED, SECOND AND THIRD IN THE IMPACT AREA. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLORS OR MANNER OF RELEASE WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

- (3) ALL CHEMICALS WOULD TURN INTO A PALE GREEN COLOR WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED IN WATER.

- E. THE MISSILES DO NOT REQUIRE ANY FUEL, THEY ARE POWERED SOLELY BY ELECTRICITY.

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- F. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS TRAINED TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING STEPS IN ORDER TO FIRE A MISSILE:

- (1) START THE ELECTRICAL GENERATOR AND RUN UNTIL 550 VOLTS ARE REACHED.

- (2) PLUG IN THE CONTROL COMPUTER.

- (3) PUSH THE "REST" BUTTON TO INSURE THAT THE

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SYSTEM IS OK.

- (4) WAIT FOR THE ORDER TO MOUNT THE "HEAD" ON THE MISSILE. THE HEAD IS KEPT IN A "SUITCASE" AND PROTECTIVE GOGGLES ARE NEEDED TO LOOK AT IT. IT CONTAINS A LIGHT WHICH ALLOWS THE TRACKING COMPUTER TO TRACK THE MISSILE DURING FLIGHT. IT ALSO CONTAINS FOUR "TRANSISTORS" WHICH RECEIVE COMMANDS FROM THE COMPUTER TO STEER THE MISSILE. THE FOUR TRANSISTORS ARE FOR STEERING THE MISSILE UP, DOWN, LEFT OR RIGHT, RESPECTIVELY.

- (5) WHEN THE ORDER IS RECEIVED, SET THE DIRECTIONAL SWITCH ON THE COMPUTER TO POSITION ONE.

- (6) SCREW THE HEAD ON THE MISSILE. THE SCREW PORTION OF THE HEAD IS APPROXIMATELY 90 MM IN DIAMETER AND 450 MM IN LENGTH. THE HEAD IS MOUNTED ON TOP OF THE NOSE CONE.

- (7) WHEN THE ORDER TO FIRE IS RECEIVED FROM THE "MAP-MAN", THE DISTANCE THE MISSILE IS TO FLY IS SET

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ON A DIAL ON THE CONTROL PANEL ON THE COMPUTER AND THE HEIGHT THE MISSILE IS TO FLY IS SET ON ANOTHER DIAL ON THE SECOND COMPUTER. THEN THE FIRE BUTTON IS PUSHED.

G. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS TRAINING, [REDACTED] WAS SENT TO BAN CHAW (PHONETIC) IN AFGHANISTAN WITH 16 MISSILES AND HIS THREE RUSSIAN TEACHERS. THESE MISSILES WERE NOT THE LARGEST TYPE AND IT REQUIRED FIVE AIRPLANES TO MOVE THE MISSILES AND THE PEOPLE. HE REMAINED IN AFGHANISTAN FOR TWO WEEKS AND FIRED ALL 16 MISSILES AT A RANGE OF 45 KM AND A HEIGHT OF 250 M. AFTER FIRING THE FINAL MISSILE, HE WAS TAKEN TO THE IMPACT AREA WHERE HE SAW AN ESTIMATED ONE THOUSAND DEAD BODIES WITH BURN MARKS.

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H. AFTER THE FIRING IN AFGHANISTAN, [REDACTED] WAS TOLD BY THE RUSSIANS THAT HE NOW HAD ACCESS TO VERY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND THEY OFFERED HIM RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP. HE DISPLAYED A TATOO OF A BIRD ON HIS CHEST TO PROVE THAT HE WAS OFFERED RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP. SINCE HE DID NOT LIKE KILLING ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN AFGHANISTAN HE REFUSED THE OFFER.

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I. IN JULY 1981, HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO SIEMREAP (UY 7678), CAMBODIA, WITH 12 OF THE LARGE TYPE MISSILES. SINCE RUSSIA HAS MANUFACTURED ONLY 28 OF THIS FAMILY OF MISSILE, THE 12 MISSILES IN CAMBODIA CONSTITUTES THE BALANCE OF THE MISSILES AVAILABLE TO THE RUSSIANS AT PRESENT. HE STATED THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAVE PLANS TO FIRE THESE MISSILES AT THE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEE CAMPS ALONG THE THAI BORDER DURING THE PERIOD MAY TO JULY 1984. SINCE HE NOW HATES THE VIETNAMESE BECAUSE THEY CONTROL HIS COUNTRY (CAMBODIA) AND BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF SO MANY OF HIS PEOPLE, HE CAME TO THE BAN SA NGAIE REFUGEE CAMP. BEFORE LEAVING SIEMREAP, HOWEVER, HE SABOTAGED THE HEADS OF ALL 12 MISSILES BY REMOVING THE STEERING TRANSISTORS. HE SAID THAT SINCE HE WAS THE ONLY ONE TRAINED TO USE THE MISSILES, NO ONE CAN REPLACE THE MISSING TRANSISTORS. FOR THIS REASON, TWO OTHER VIETNAMESE

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HAVE NOW BEEN SENT TO RUSSIA FOR TRAINING.

**7. COMMENT:**

- A. THE BOX DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE APPEARS TO BE SIMILAR TO THE US M8 CS LAUNCHER WHICH WAS DEVELOPED FOR AND USED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE M8 LAUNCHER IN THE FOLLOWING RESPECTS:

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- (1) THE M8 LAUNCHER MEASURES 18.9 INCHES BY 8.9 INCHES BY 18 INCHES AND HAS SIXTEEN TUBES.

- (2) THE PRIMARY CHARACTERISTIC OF CS GAS DISSEMINATED BY THE M8 LAUNCHER IS EYE IRRITATION. THIS CHARACTERISTIC WAS NOT MENTIONED BY [REDACTED]

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- (3) THE M8 LAUNCHER DISSEMINATES CS GAS BY MEANS OF 64 CS FILLED CARTRIDGES FIRED FROM THE LAUNCHER. THE NOISE OF THE LAUNCHER WHILE FIRING IS 64 SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGES FOLLOWING IN RAPID

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SUCCESSION. THE RANGE OF THE MB LAUNCHER IS 280 METERS.

B. OUR INVESTIGATOR FELT THAT LON OUNG'S DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPTURED AMERICAN CHEMICAL DEVICE AND THE CHEMICAL ATTACK IN THE BATTLE FOR SVAY RIENG WAS SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED TO BE CREDIBLE, HOWEVER, HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE GUIDED MISSILE AND HIS TRAINING LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT ALL OF HIS STORIES MAY BE FABRICATED. IT MUST BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SIMPLISTIC DESCRIPTION OF THE MISSILE AND ITS OPERATION MAY BE, IN PART, THE RESULT OF INADEQUATE TECHNICAL TRANSLATION CAPABILITIES OF THE INTERPRETER.

8. USDAO, BANGKOK, HAS STATED THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF CIR: C-JT2-40404. DEAN

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