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SUBJECT: BBC PROGRAM ON "YELLOW RAIN"

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1. IN CASE IT HAS NOT LEARNED OF THE PROGRAM FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE WOULD LIKE TO ALERT THE DEPARTMENT TO A BBC TELEVISION PROGRAM WHICH EXAMINES THE CREDIBILITY OF USG AND OTHER REPORTS OF THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND TOXIC AGENTS ("YELLOW RAIN") IN LAOS AND KAMPUCHEA. WE BELIEVE IT WAS BROADCAST IN LONDON ABOUT MAY 23; THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR SHOWED A COPY TO VIENTIANE'S DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY JUNE 9.

2. THE PROGRAM DRAWS HEAVILY ON INTERVIEWS WITH AUSTRALIAN SOCIOLOGIST GRANT EVANS, FORMER AMERICAN QUAKER REPRESENTATIVES IN LAOS JACQUIE CHAGNON AND ROGER RUMPF, HARVARD PROFESSOR MESSELSON, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, CONGRESSMAN JAMES LEACH, WHO WAS A VERY EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. POSITION. THE
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PROGRAM APPEARS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE BEE FECES THEORY BUT RE-

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