

Re: Harris chapter

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Matthew,

In your chapter (page 8) , you state that Sharon Watson was a toxicologist. What proof? I thought she was hired right out of grad school with a PhD in microbiology. On page 17 the team had two interpreters; one Hmong, one Cambodian-Thai. Page 23, last sentence should be restructured.

The problem with Rebecca Katz' s paper is she takes raw intell and turns it into hard scientific facts . She is doing exactly what Crocker et al. did to start this mess. On page 4 she claims that Mirocha received only 6 environmental samples. Who received the other samples that team sent from 83 to 84 including the samples provided by the Thais? On page 10, she talks like the Thai army was an undisputed source of attack info. The Thai had no idea which end was up. I told you only one of two stories about how the Thai jumped the gun about chemical use. Also earlier there was a Thai rumor that Vietnamese noodle soup (Pho) caused the penis to shrink. Mahidol University School of Public Health had to do an epidemiological study to prove it wasn't true. Many soup restaurants were trashed because of this. Some chemical arfar e! On page 11 she states in the Overall Assessment that newly released evidence strongly support the use of chemical attacks . What is this info? It is funny how she states most of the problems with the data BUT then says that the attacks probably occurred. Very contradictory.

Will read the Harris paper next .

Steve