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"USING THE 8-41 POISON CANNISTER AND IT SHOULD BE DONE WITHIN 24 HOURS." SOME 25 INTENDED VICTIMS REPORTEDLY ESCAPED BEING DRIVEN INTO CAVE AND ARRIVED "IN A SAFE AREA ON MAY 19, 1985."

2. ~~LOW~~ CBW TEAM IS LOOKING INTO SEVERAL INCIDENTS CITED AND, WHEN ITS REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED, WILL REPORT FINDINGS. THIS MESSAGE FOCUSES EXCLUSIVELY ON ALLEGED MAY 15 MASSACRE. OUR EFFORTS TO DATE DO NOT ENABLE US TO CONFIRM ANY DETAILS OF INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN LETTER:

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--ON AUG 19 CBW TEAM PHYSICIAN MET WITH HMONG LEADER AT CHIANG KHAM CAMP IN NORTHERN THAILAND. HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED MASSACRE. HE ASSERTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 20 RESISTANCE FIGHTERS IN AREA HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO SUSPECTED CHEMICAL AGENTS OVER PAST FEW YEARS, BUT NONE HAD BEEN SO EXPOSED RECENTLY. TEAM WAS INVITED TO INTERVIEW THESE PERSONS AT A LATER DATE.

--TEAM PHYSICIAN VISITED BAN VINAI REFUGEE CAMP (NORTHEASTERN THAILAND) AUG 21. HMONG LEADER HAD HEARD ABOUT SUCH AN INCIDENT, BUT KNEW OF NO EYE-WITNESSES. TEAM'S THREE CAMP CONTACTS HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING ATTACK:

--TEAM HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HMONG COMMUNITY LEADERS, PERSONAL CONTACTS IN BANGKOK, AND ALL SOURCE INFORMATION AT EMBASSY; HOWEVER, NONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED INCIDENT.

3. (3) ACTION REQUESTED:

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--THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT REQUEST NAMES OF EYE-WITNESSES AND FURTHER DETAILS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO HER:

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--THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE IF CAVES LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD 5,000 PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO EXIST AT U.S. 332 420.

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