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TALKING POINTS

USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

There continue to be reports of the use of lethal chemical agents--including nerve gas--by the Soviets in Afghanistan.

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B. [redacted] reporting ranges from credible accounts that point to the use of specific agents to some that verge on the impossible.

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C. [redacted] we know, for example, that Soviet chemical warfare units are in Afghanistan, but these normally are attached to all Soviet Divisions.

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D. We believe it highly likely that there has been some use of lethal chemical agents in Afghanistan; the evidence, however, is still not conclusive.

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