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SUBJECT

[redacted] (b)(1)
[redacted] UNCONFIRMED USE OF POISON (b)(3)

CHEMICALS BY PAVN FORCES AGAINST HMONGS IN EARLY 1978

SOURCE

PARAGRAPH 1:

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PARAGRAPH 2:

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[REDACTED] CLASHES BETWEEN

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LPLA FORCES AND HMONG RESISTANCE ELEMENTS WERE VERY INTENSE AT THAT TIME. [REDACTED] SOME LPLA SOLDIERS HAD BEEN KILLED AND OTHERS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED FROM THE ENGAGEMENTS. LPLA FORCES WERE CONDUCTING JOINT SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS WITH ONE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) BATTALION IN THE PHOU BIA AREA (UF0690), XIENG KHOUNG PROVINCE, AT THE TIME; AND THE PAVN FORCE WAS UTILIZING ARTILLERY TO FIRE "MAI-A-KAT" (BURNING 84) ROCKETS AT THE HMONGS. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: BURNING AIR WAS DEFINED AS AIR WHICH HAD BEEN CONTAMINATED WITH A POISONOUS CHEMICAL CAUSING DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING AND LEADING TO DEATH.) AFTER LAUNCHING THIS TYPE OF OPERATION, PAVN TROOPS WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE THE HMONG STRONGHOLD ON PHOU BIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FELT IT WAS "INHUMANE" TO BE

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KILLING HUMANS BY THIS MEANS.

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