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COUNTRY	Kampuchea/Thailand	DATE DISTR.	26 January 1982
SUBJECT	[Redacted] March 1981 Chemical Warfare Attack	REFERENCES	[Redacted] (b)(1), (b)(3) (b)(3)
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twelve deaths had occurred in a March 1981 attack in Kampuchea during which a yellow powder or mist enveloped a group of 30-40 Democratic Kampuchean somewhere southeast of Phnom Mak Hoeun.

2. The people who entered the area one to two hours after the attack were cautious and tried not to come in contact with a yellow, powder-like residue seen on the ground. There was a paint smell in the area; it was also described as like "rancid milk and/or nicotine." By 72 hours after the attack, all traces of the yellow residue and odor had disappeared.

3. Symptoms reported by two observers of the attack included locked jaws, tightening in the chest, and extensive vomiting of blood. Several victims seemed to be bleeding from the skin, especially from the eyes and mouth. The skin felt as if it were burned severely and small blisters formed in 30 minutes to one hour, with death occurring after one to two hours.

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4. The attack victims were given autopsies at the site within twelve to twenty-four hours after death and prior to burial. Nonetheless, they showed unusual post mortem changes such as engorged and spongy hearts, lungs, and livers and, in some cases, the gall bladder had ruptured. The digestive tracts of those given autopsies were dissolved, putrified, or rotten

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[Redacted] in September and October there had been two other attacks that had resulted in deaths, which had occurred after the victims had suffered from the same symptoms noted above.

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