

natural environment necessitates that sampling take place as soon as possible after a report on alleged use has been received. Trained personnel and sophisticated equipment should be employed to ensure the integrity of the samples and the reliability of results. Modern equipment is commercially available to facilitate proper identification. The paper also lists the chemical warfare agents which were found to be relatively stable in tests.

CD/703 presents additional proposals concerning procedures for verification of CW use, specifically procedures for sample handling by a fact-finding team in the field on an all-year basis. The main purpose is to establish sampling handling procedures which do not require highly trained personnel and advanced equipment. The paper is based on a detailed research report tabled as CD/702 (16 June 1986).