

2.4.3 Base Camp

The Canadian embassy in Bangkok provided a secure facility for equipment and samples, and the four separate excursions radiated from Bangkok.

Although certain miscellaneous supplies were available in Bangkok as necessary, the team was pleased, in particular, that it had brought the necessary Monoject blood collection tubes and Venoject needles as well as suitably prepared urine collection vials.

As necessary, the embassy provided a station wagon, van and drivers to the team. On occasions when the team travelled internally by commercial aircraft, it was met at the interim destination by an embassy vehicle.

It was not considered necessary for the team to possess and operate its own communications equipment. Other means of communication were available to the team as necessary.

2.5 Actual Sample Collecting Activities

2.5.1 General Methodology

Venous blood specimens were collected in sterile 10 ml heparinized vacuum tubes (Monoject). Urine samples were collected in sterile 18 ml vials containing Thymol as a