

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. Objective: To collect blood and urine samples from the following groups:

Group I: Patients from a hospital in Bangkok, e.g., Siriraj Hospital or other. This group would be representative of a population that suffers from a variety of diseases, but is ingesting - by and large - the same food, presumably unspoiled.

Group II: Civilians or soldiers from a location as close as possible to the western border (Burma) of Thailand. This group would serve as an example of a rural population ingesting local food, but these people are far removed from any reported "yellow rain" incidents.

Group III: Civilians or soldiers from a location as close as possible to the Kampuchean border. This group serves as an example of a rural population (like Group II), but there might have been a chance of accidental "yellow rain" drift.

Group IV: Same as Group II, but from the Laotian border area.

Group V: Residents of a refugee camp close to Kampuchea. Residents should be questioned and should not have been exposed to a "yellow rain" attack. This group would serve as being representative of refugee camp food, which may or may not be contaminated with trichothecenes.

Group VI: Residents of a refugee camp close to the Laotian border. Other aspects as Group V.

Group VII: As many samples as possible from persons claiming to have been subjected to "yellow rain" attacks in one form or another in the last six months.

The "overview" on the next page summarizes this description. This page could be copied and handed to all collaborators in Thailand, so that they understand what is to be done.