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From: Checkpoint Bravo Division Intelligence Team

To: Div Chem Section 1st Armored Division

Source: Military, U.S.

Subject: Use of chemical agents against civilians by Iraqi forces

Summary: Two soldiers, 4-7 Inf, located vicinity N3040.93 E04657.26 treated several children for injuries that could be due to chemical agent attacks by Iraqi forces.

Text: Information derived from a U.S. military source. On 29 Mar 91 Sgt Omar Rivera and Spc Timothy K. Jones, HHC 4-7 Inf, treated a child for blisters on his left leg. On 30 March 91 the same child returned with more blisters. The blisters were cut and the fluid tested with M-8 paper which turned pink indicating blister agent. 31 Mar 91 the child returned for treatment again, but with three other casualties with the same type injuries. A doctor was called, but the victims departed before he arrived and have not returned. The victims spoke of helicopters causing their injuries. Additionally, two civilians, at 2100hrs 20 Mar 91, spoke of children dying after helicopters flew over. They stated that they asked and twitched then died. Other children were lined up and killed by a firing squad. The civilians complained of chemical use in their town located approximately 8 Kms northeast from the scout location (N3040.93 E04657.26) The civilians also complained about food and water shortages. Stating the only ones who eat are the Iraqi soldiers.