

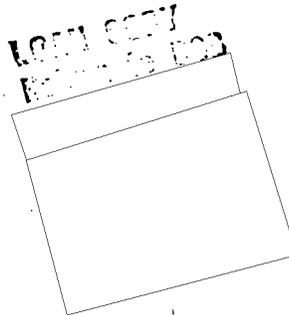
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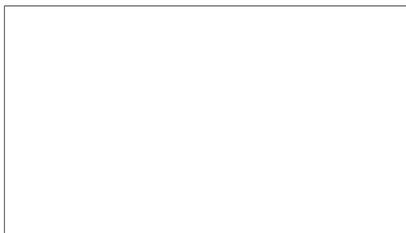
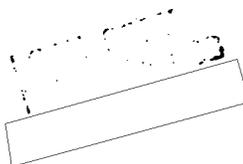


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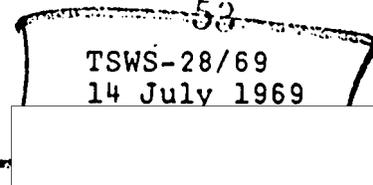
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VC Deaths Due to Communist Chinese Drugs Reported: [redacted]

[redacted] most of the drugs used [redacted] were of Chinese origin, shipped through Phnom Penh. [redacted] the color of Chinese drugs (antibiotics) changed after a short time and that "many patients" who had been treated with them died. [redacted]

Comment: Chinese antibiotics have always shown evidence of poor quality control. Examples of Chinese penicillin (which has been manufactured for a number of years now) still show great variation in the amounts of impurities present. The disruption resulting from the Cultural Revolution likely caused a further breakdown in quality control. These factors, coupled with the poor storage facilities available to the VC in both Cambodia and South Vietnam, probably account for the serious or fatal side reactions reported. [redacted]

European Medical Aid to VC Coordinated in Paris: The Franco-Vietnamese Medical Association sponsored a meeting in Paris on 14 June to coordinate Vietnam medical aid programs in Western Europe. Representatives from leftist Vietnam aid associations in England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, and Norway attended the meeting, as did representatives of the North Vietnamese (NVN) government and the National Liberation Front (NLF). The main points brought out at the Meeting were that: 1) Western European medical aid to Vietnam serves primarily as a mechanism for mobilizing public opinion in support of the NLF; 2) the NLF has priority on all medical aid sent to Vietnam; 3) the main NLF medical needs are quinine, glucose, and blood plasma substitutes; 4) "major transportation problems" are avoided by shipping medicines through Cambodia; and 5) there is a lack of coordination between the several Vietnam aid groups. [redacted]

Comment: The Franco-Vietnamese Medical Association (FVMA) appears to hold the lead among Vietnam aid groups in Western Europe in coordinating medical shipments to [redacted]

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the NLF. The low volume of these goods is unlikely to be effective from a medical standpoint. Much of the aid from Western Europe went to NVN during the period of intensive bombing and it is reasonable that the priority would shift to the NLF when the bombing became confined to the south. The expressed need for quinine, glucose, and blood substitutes is fully consistent with the very high rates of both malaria and combat casualties among the VC. [redacted]