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DISPATCH

TO INFO		DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. W-3143	
FROM		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.	
SUBJECT		RE (43) - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED		MARKED FOR INDEXING	
REFERENCES		NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
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- (A) - TA-13327
- (B) - TW-3714

1. The trousers and other material forwarded as Attachment 1 to reference A have been closely examined physically and chemically. Laboratory findings were negative. There were no residues or other materials detectable which would indicate the presence of a systemic or contact poison.

2. These findings do not rule out the possibility that an irritant and/or volatile toxic compound had been used and was primarily responsible for the reported illness. In case of future occurrences the suspect material should be sealed in an airtight container at once and returned immediately to headquarters for analysis.

3. A number of materials could act as irritants or blistering agents when they come in contact with the skin. They vary in their mechanism of action. Some are sensitizers and cause reactions similar to those one observes in persons who are sensitive to certain types of foods, chemical compounds, or lotions. Other materials are primary irritants, that is, they cause either immediate or delayed reactions as a direct effect. Examples of these are certain blistering agents used for casualty effect. They are difficult to protect against because they attach any part of the body with which the liquid or vapor comes in contact. Several irritant materials have been developed which are odorless and vary in persistency.

4. In the event an operational use for a contact toxicant or irritant material develops, there is a capability within KURIO? for items of the types referred to above.

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Distribution:

- 3 - MKI/MPAF, Frankfurt
- 1 - COS, Germany
- 1 - COS, []
- 1 - TSD/SRS
- 1 - EE
- 1 - SR
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