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TO: Dr. Condoleezza Rice
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Afghan Drug Labs

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Attached is a draft briefing on what an Afghan drug lab looks like.

I thought you might find it interesting.

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10/4/04 Draft Brief on Afghan Drug Labs

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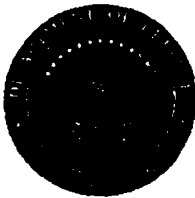
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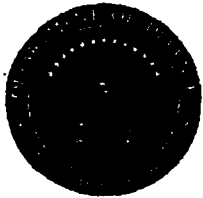
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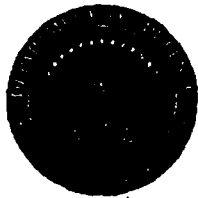


What is a Drug Lab?

- **Used to process opium into morphine base or heroin.**
- **Rudimentary facilities** that typically consist of one to several simple buildings:
 - Near a water source (artesian well or subterranean aqueducts)
 - If necessary, water may be brought in and stored in tanks
 - Firewood
 - Barrels and/or sacks of precursor chemicals
 - Processing area (typically three-sided)
 - Mixing vats
 - Barrels for “cooking” opium into morphine base or heroin
 - Raw opium
 - Lab workers are typically unskilled tribesmen who live at the processing site
 - “Chemists” are more skilled lab workers and supervisors
 - Very basic chemistry skills; processing based on step-by-step “recipes”
 - Some foreign chemists have reportedly been brought in to improve the quality of heroin processing
- **Generally can produce between 10 and 200 kilograms of morphine base or heroin per day, depending on size of the lab and availability of precursor chemicals.**

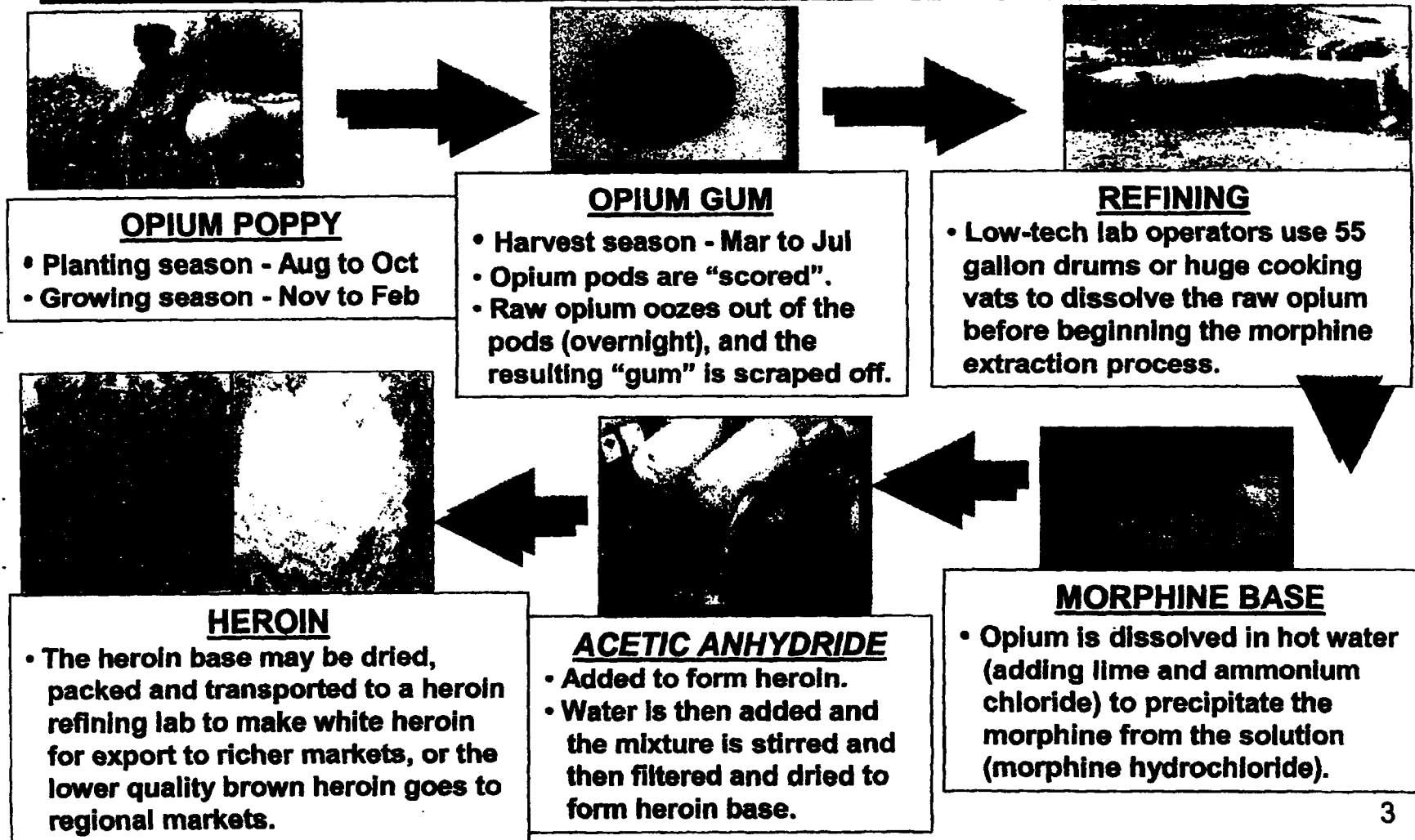
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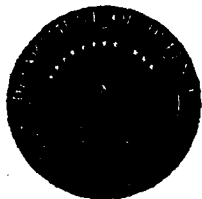
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What Does a Drug Lab Do?

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Firewood



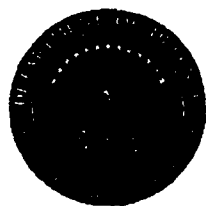
Assorted Chemicals



Hose from
Water Source

**Resources were
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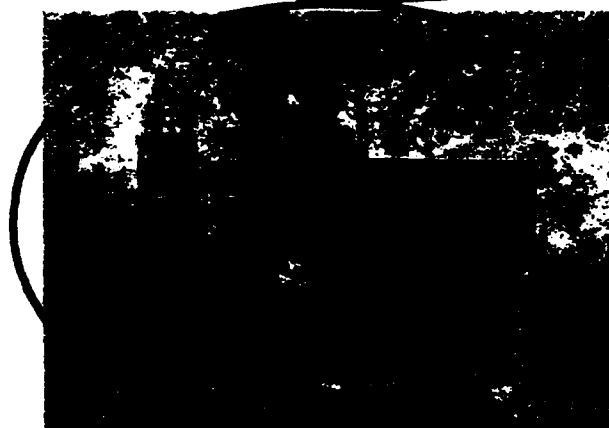
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Typical Processing Area

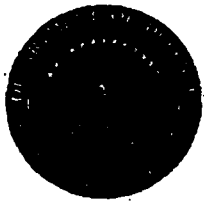


"Kitchen"



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Typical Processing Area (cont.)



Filtration Vat



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Typical Product

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Raw Opium

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Morphine Base



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Where Are Drug Labs Located?

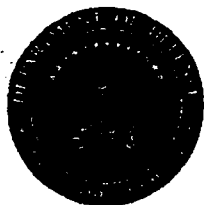
- Most labs are located in isolated, sparsely populated areas because of the highly malodorous chemicals used, and the large amount of effluent generated that must be drained away.
- Minority of labs are located inside walled compounds in small villages.
- Rugged terrain and remote locations pose particular challenges for counterdrug forces.
 - Some labs are in locations that are inaccessible to vehicles.
 - Donkey caravans are used to transport narcotics and essential precursor chemicals.
 - Limited avenues of approach allow for advance warning of counterdrug operations.



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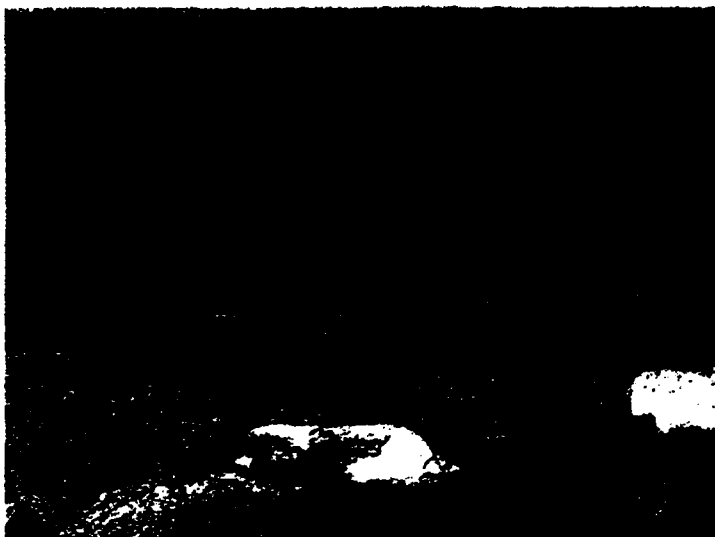


Typical Locations

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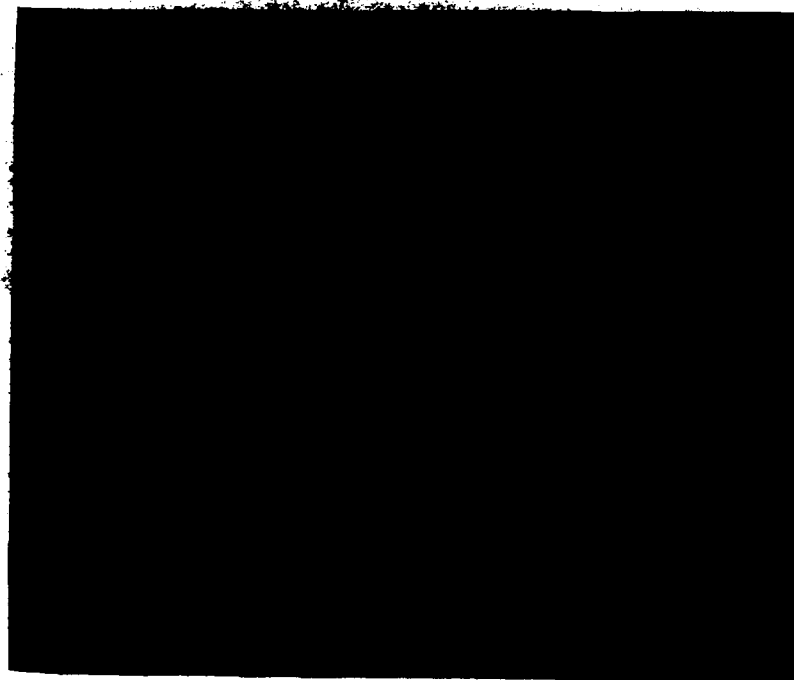
Typical Drug Lab: Any location where chemical processing of opium, morphine or heroin occurs. Lab process requires heat source, water and chemicals.

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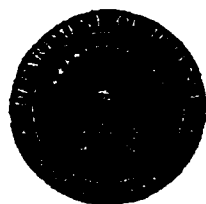


Typical Terrain

Difficult to access
Requires Water Source
Requires Heat Source

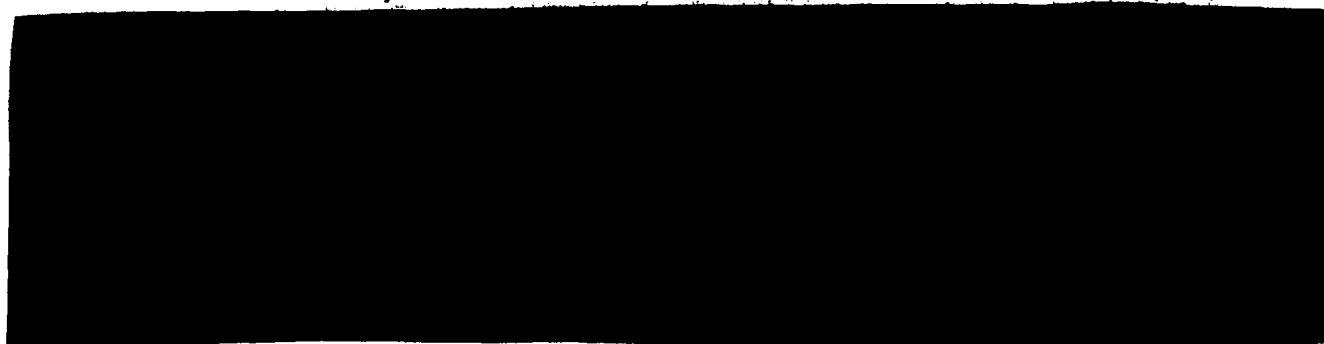


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How Many Are There, and Who is Running Them?

- **Actual number of drug labs in Afghanistan is unknown.**
 - Could be in the hundreds (active labs actually processing opiates likely much smaller).



- **Operated by both major narcotics traffickers and local narcotics processors.**

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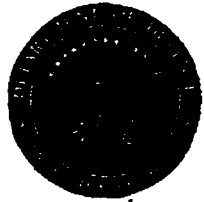
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Lessons Learned From Past Afghan/UK Operations

- One-time raids, or destruction, of individual labs would likely have little impact on drug-related activity.
 - Drug processing sites can quickly resume activity (within days)
 - Equipment is readily replaceable
- Destruction of clusters of opiate processing facilities may disrupt drug processing and trafficking in the raided region and curtail operations.
- Operations against active processing labs would be significant in that area.
 - Difficult to replace large quantities of opium gum, processed opiates and precursor chemicals on site or stored nearby
 - "Skilled" chemists on site
- [REDACTED]
 - 8 metric tons of narcotics destroyed
 - Operators ceased large-scale processing for nearly a year
 - Many traffickers shifted processing to smaller, more clandestine locations

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