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Dear Mat:

I pass on to you, belatedly, your copy of the Soviet Journal article on the Sverdlovsk incident. There is also attached an informal translation of the article prepared here by one of our Soviet watchers.

You had also asked for a copy of the Le Matin article which appeared during your visit here, it is enclosed.

Finally, you will also find enclosed two very cursory biographic sketches on General Buis and Pierre Dabezies.

I expect to be preparing a report during the next several weeks on the French chemical capacity. There is growing interest in the ^{subject} ~~hope~~ given the U.S. Congress' move to authorize funding for a binary weapons production facility.

I hope you get a chance to visit Paris again soon.

Sincerely,


L. Craig Johnstone