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Dear Prof Merelson,

I believe that the Soviet AIDS accusations against the USA were a revenge in kind for the USA accusations on Sverdlovsk anthrax and yellow rain stories. However, the policy is now changed because it was found that AIDS in the USSR is mostly from African students and it is <sup>often</sup> a different



strain of virus. There was the  
first epidemiological paper in  
No 7 of Zhurn. of Epidem. <sup>Bacter. and</sup> Immun.  
bist. on AIDS in the USSR (Moscow)  
but it is already out of date.

With best wishes

Yours

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