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Dear Professor Borisov,

I am now able to propose to you the outline of a work plan for our combined US-Ekaterinburg team and would like to have your advice and comment. There would be two principal lines of study. One line would focus on clinical, pathoanatomical and therapeutic problems while the other would concentrate on epidemiological aspects.

I. Clinical-pathoanatomical-therapeutic problems.

Interviews:

Professor Arkady I. Kortev

Dr. Faina A. Abramova

Dr. Lev M. Grinberg

Dr. Margarita Ivanova Ilenko, in 1979 was head physician at Hospital number 24

Dr. Yakov Iosifovich Klipnitser, in 1979 was Head Physician at Hospital number 20.

Other medical specialists who may have relevant information.

Visits to hospitals:

Hospital number 40

Hospital number 20

Hospital number 24

Other relevant hospitals, if any, possibly including the medical facility of the Military Epidemiology Sector.

Examination of pathoanatomical materials:

Seek such materials from any of the above persons, hospitals, etc. Such materials would include glass slides of tissue sections, photographs, medical records, notes, other documents. For examination of glass slides, we would need 25X - 1,000X power research microscope with 35mm camera attachment and appropriate light source. We will bring film. Also needed will be 35mm slide (diapositive) projector, access to a photocopier, and, if possible, access to a US

style VCR video tape player.

In examining pathoanatomical materials, we would like to have the collaboration of an experienced Ekaterinburg pathologist. In that case it would be desirable but not essential to have the use of two microscopes.

II. Epidemiological aspects.

Field work:

Visit Vostochnoye Cemetery Administration Office and Sector 15 of the cemetery. We would record the names and dates of the deceased. This would require several hours.

Visit City Records Office (ZAGS) and possibly other relevant offices. Record information regarding the deceased.

Interview families of the deceased in cases where that is acceptable. Two or at most three members of the team would conduct each interview. This may require several days.

Interview sanitary, epidemiologic public health officials at oblast and at Chkalovskiy and Sysertskiy rayon levels who were active in 1979.

Interview veterinary officials at oblast level and at Chkalovskiy and Sysertskiy rayon levels who were active in 1979.

Visit Ekaterinburg Plant for Ceramic Items and meet medical personnel there.

We will need a car and driver every day, if possible, and street maps of Ekaterinburg City and its southern suburbs. For visiting offices and officials, we should have the support, either in person or in a document, of an appropriate official whose authority would be respected.

III. Other

Meet with personnel of the Military Epidemiology Sector.

Meet with Aleksandr Pashkov, Ekaterinburg correspondent for Izvestiya. Please tell him that I am a friend of his colleague Svetlana Tutorskaya, who is studying at the Harvard School of Public Health here in Boston Massachusetts.

We look forward to meeting you and your colleagues soon.

Cordially,

Matthew Meselson