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Dear Matthew,

Thanks a lot for your manuscript, which I look through with great interest think for the Western public it'll look as the first serious evidence connection of the Sverdlovsk' anthrax with military exercises.

About your question. The situation more complicated as only one order from Eltzin to investigate, as you mention, and I would like that it will be note in your paper. The question on military nature of this epidemy arise in the last time in 1991 when one parliamentarian from Sverdlovsk sent special letter to Eltzin asking to compensate victim's families. Eltzin pass it letter to me with note about necessity to investigate this case and prepare me proposal do it (we now my dokuments, which we successfully cath, including previously top classified). These documents give us evident without any doubts that its originated by military. With this material I go to President, and discussed the problem. He said something like: "Yes, I understand now, that THEY fraud me then...". I suggest to act into separate direction: to pass trough parliament law on compensation these families AS THE WAR VICTIMS, and preparing the draft new articles for criminal code about biological weapons. He was full agree with me and I received special order to do such the things. I have made it. Eltzin pass into parliament both my proposals, I have a floor in Parliament, describe all situation, and law on compensation was passed in half a your remember, somewhere in the middle of 1992. With the Criminal Code it was more complicated, we have a lot of discussion with loyers, legislatures ets, and least we are successfully passed through the Parliament three new articles and several addition to other articles strongly prohibited all production, transportation, possession and using any kiunf or biological weapons. It have happened I thing in the beginning of the 1993.

I'm slightly surprise your request, because it's seems to me, I have talk its story in details to you in Moscow twice. Now I feel myself unhappy because you even don't mention it with my name, and cited strange anonimul gazette ((for Nature such citation look don't serious). I'm proud that I help my country to solve this shameless story. And I ask you mention it directly and clear. In spite its extremely interes, your article slitly hurt and offend me...

yours sincerely

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