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Dear Mathew,

Herewith a copy, 24" x 24", of your SPOT image of Sverdlovsk. I have my own copies which I will have digitised into our computer.

Before I return your negative and enlargement, I would like to get a blow-up of the area where the anthrax cases occurred. This was to the "south" of the institute or was it? This x4 enlargement is beginning to show 'banding' and it can only get worse. But I am hoping that we can smooth it out.

If you could mark on one or the other of the attached xeroxes where the human cases were, as far as your memory allows, I will get a further enlargement [x5 or x6] of just that area. I can inlay this into the computer to provide finer detail of the epidemiologically important areas within the more general impression of the rest of the image.

I am intrigued to note the smoke streams from bottom-left diagonally to upper right. I suspect that it is either agricultural fires (burning wheat/barley stubbles) or forest fires.

Also, is it possible to have a copy of the meteorological reports for Sverdlovsk? My faulty memory tells me that you had somehow acquired them from IATA.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Martin Hugh-Jones