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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/4/86 (FLOWERREE, CHARLES C.) DR-0
 TAGS: PARM, UR
 SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (BW); ARTICLE IN RECENT
 SOVIET PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. AS FORESHADOWED IN REFTEL SOVIET COMMITTEE ON
 DISARMAMENT [] RAISED QUESTION OF
 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH
 US REP FLOWERREE. HIS POINT WAS THAT DURING HIS
 RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW HE HAD SEEN AN ARTICLE IN
 THE MAY 1980 ISSUE OF A SOVIET PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL --
 "MICROBIOLOGY, IMMUNOLOGY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY" --
 CONCERNING THE APRIL 1979 BW INCIDENT IN SVERDLOVSK.
 HE SAID THE ARTICLE WAS A "STRAIGHT-FORWARD"
 DISCUSSION OF THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF THE OUTBREAK OF
 ANTHRAX IN SVERDLOVSK AT THAT TIME. HE WANTED TO
 KNOW WHETHER THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE OF THIS
 ARTICLE. IF NOT, [] SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD
 GET A COPY THROUGH THE SOVIET REPS AT THE W.H.O. IN
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3. FLOWERREE SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNOW THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HAD NOT SEEN THE ARTICLE AND, THEREFORE, HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF _____ } COULD OBTAIN A *B6* COPY OF THE ARTICLE WHICH COULD BE PASSED TO WASHINGTON. _____ } SAID HE WOULD DO SO PROMPTLY *B6* BUT WOULD NOT PREDICT HOW MUCH TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED.

4. APART FROM DRAWING ATTENTION TO THIS ARTICLE, _____ *B6* HAD LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT THE BW PROBLEM. *B1 A5*

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