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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PARM, CBW, CDG, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIETS PROVIDE MORE INFO ON SVERDLOVSK

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 16800 (DTG 110937Z JUL 88) ✓  
(B) STATE 213618 (DTG 021245Z JUL 88) ✓

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2. ACTION REQUEST PARA 10 BELOW.  
SUMMARY  
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3. IN RESPONSE TO USG REQUEST (SEE REFTELS), MFA PROVIDED AUGUST 11 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON 1979 ANTHRAX OUTBREAK IN SVERDLOVSK AND ON THE LOCATION OF THE SVERDLOVSK FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOD



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CIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR MICROBIOLOGY. AT THE SAME TIME, MFA OFFICER REQUESTED MORE COMPLETE



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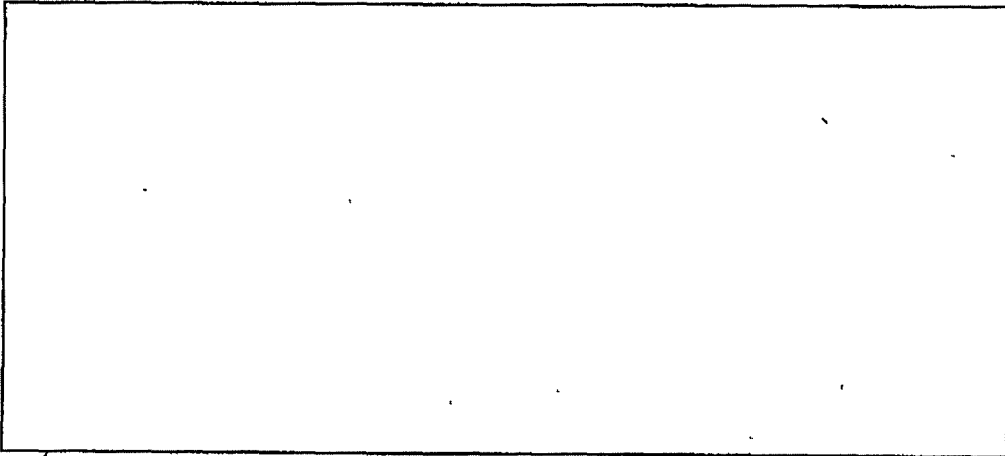
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INFORMATION ON U.S. FACILITIES DOING RESEARCH ON BW DEFENSES, AND REGISTERED A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE DELINQUENCY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE USG IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION REVIEW CONFERENCE.

END SUMMARY  
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4. EMBOFF MET WITH MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE OFFICER SMIDOVICH AT LATTER'S REQUEST ON AUGUST 11 TO RECEIVE SOVIET RESPONSE TO JULY 8 EMBASSY DEMARCHE (SEE REFTELS) REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON 1979 ANTHRAX OUTBREAK IN SVERDLOV8K.

5. SMIDOVICH PRESENTED EMBOFF WITH A 21-PAGE PAPER, "EPIDEMIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF THE OUTBREAK OF ANTHRAX IN SVERDLOVSK," PREPARED BY PROFESSORS I.8. BEZDENOZHNYKH (DECEASED), P.N. BURGASOV, AND V.N. NIKIFOROV. SMIDOVICH EXPLAINED THAT THIS ANALYSIS REPRESENTED "BACKGROUND MATERIAL" USED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO THE APRIL LECTURES GIVEN IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHICH THE EMBASSY HAD REFERRED. (EMBASSY IS POUCHING COPY OF THE PAPER TO STATE (EUR/SOV).)



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7. SMIDOVICH SAID THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE USG'S REQUESTS IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IT WAS UNDER /NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION, IT WAS DOING SO IN THE SPIRIT OF OPENNESS AND IN THE INTEREST OF STRENGTHENING TRUST.

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8. SMIDOVICH THEN COMMENTED THAT THE INFORMATION ON U.S. FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE USG TO DATE HAD ALSO LEFT CERTAIN POINTS UNCLEAR. HE HOPED THAT, IN THE SPIRIT OF RECIPROCITY, THE USG WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND OPENLY TO A REQUEST FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION CONCERNING ALL APPROPRIATE "CENTERS OR LABORATORIES DOING CONTRACT WORK FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPHYLACTIC OR PROTECTIVE PURPOSES AGAINST POSSIBLE APPLICATION FOR HOSTILE PURPOSES OF MICROBIOLOGICAL AND/OR OTHER BIOLOGICAL AGENTS OR TOXINS." SMIDOVICH ADDED THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE USG THUS FAR DID NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT THE TRUE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

9. NOTING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S CONSCIENTIOUS FULFILLMENT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, SMIDOVICH COMPLAINED THAT THE

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UNITED STATES HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION TWO MONTHS  
AFTER THE AGREED-UPON TIME. HB COMMENTED THAT THIS  
DELAY HAD CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION INSIDE  
HIS GOVERNMENT AND URGED SCRUPULOUS USG OBSERVANCE OF  
DEADLINES.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR  
RESPONDING TO REQUEST IN PARA 8. MATLOCK

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