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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS ON THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION (BWC)

REFS: A) 88 MOSCOW 19463 ✓ B) 88 STATE 213618 ✓
C) 88 GENEVA 13682 ✓ D) MOSCOW 13172 ✓ E) STATE 157910 ✓

1. [Redacted]
2. THIS MESSAGE IS CORRECTED COPY OF REF E PER REQUEST
REF D.
3. ON MAY 16 ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HANSEN CALLED IN
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SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY KISLYAK TO PROVIDE US
RESPONSE TO SOVIET REQUEST (REF A) FOR INFORMATION RELATED

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TO THE US BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM. (BACKGROUND IS CONTAINED PARA 5 BELOW; TEXT OF US RESPONSE IS CONTAINED PARA 6 BELOW.) HANSEN ALSO PROVIDED COPY OF APRIL 1989 US DATA SUBMISSION TO THE UN OF BWC-RELATED DATA. KISLYAK SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT US POINTS TO MOSCOW AND WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SOVIET DATA SUBMISSION TO THE UN.

4. ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY MOSCOW SHOULD RAISE POINTS PARA 5 BELOW WITH APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIALS.

5. BACKGROUND --

A. IN JULY 1988 THE U.S. ASKED THE USSR (REF B) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE 1979 ANTHRAX OUTBREAK IN SVERDLOVSK AND ON THE LOCATION OF THE SVERDLOVSK FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR MICROBIOLOGY. A SOVIET RESPONSE WAS PROVIDED IN AUGUST 1988 (REF A). AT THE SAME TIME THE USSR ASKED THE U.S. "TO SUPPLY MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ALL RELEVANT RESEARCH CENTERS OR LABORATORIES HAVING CONTRACTS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR PREVENTION OF OR PROTECTION AGAINST THE POSSIBLE HOSTILE USE OF MICROBIOLOGICAL AND/OR OTHER BIOLOGICAL AGENTS OR TOXINS."

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F. THE SOVIET RESPONSE TO OUR JULY DEMARCHE PROVIDES A USEFUL BASIS BOTH FOR ASKING FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

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SVERDLOVSK FACILITY AND FOR PRESSING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET MILITARY BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES.

6. TEXT OF RESPONSE TO SOVIETS --

BEGIN TEXT.

THE U.S. NOTES THE CORRECTIONS MADE IN DECEMBER 1988 IN THE INFORMATION ORIGINALLY PROVIDED BY THE USSR IN AUGUST 1988 REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE SVERDLOVSK FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOD SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR

MICROBIOLOGY. THIS INFORMATION, AS WELL AS THE SOVIET REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RESEARCH CENTERS AND LABORATORIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.S. BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE RESEARCH PROGRAM, HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON.

THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED WITH INTEREST THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS NOW PLACED BY THE USSR ON OPENNESS IN ARMS CONTROL : CONTEXTS. THE SOVIET RESPONSE IN AUGUST, REFERRED TO ABOVE, SUGGESTED FURTHER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION "IN THE INTEREST OF OPENNESS AND TRUST." MORE RECENTLY, FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE

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IMPORTANCE OF OPENNESS DURING HIS ADDRESS TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON CHEMICAL WARFARE IN JANUARY. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE GREATER OPENNESS REGARDING ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS CONVENTION.

FIRST OF ALL, THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE THE SVERDLOVSK FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOD SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR MICROBIOLOGY.

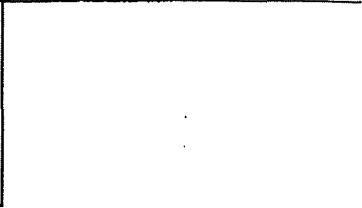
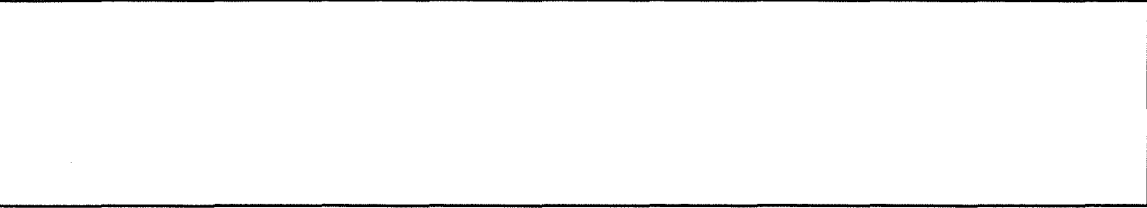


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WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON U.S. FACILITIES, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER INCREASED DATA EXCHANGE ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE CAN BEST PROCEED ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS, BEGINNING WITH THE MOST DIRECTLY RELEVANT INFORMATION. THE UNITED STATES SUGGESTS THAT THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:



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LISTS OF OPEN-LITERATURE TECHNICAL PAPERS FOR 1988 RESULTING FROM RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN MAXIMUM CONTAINMENT AND OTHER FACILITIES LISTED IN THE MOST RECENT REPORT BY THE U.S./USSR TO THE UN (SPRING 1989.)

END TEXT. BAKER

