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SUBJ: IR [REDACTED] (U)

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1. (U) CTRY: USSR (UW)
2. (U) TITLE: SVERDLOVSK [REDACTED] BGN GAZ), RUMOR ABOUT ILLNESS AND FATALITIES
3. (U) DATE OF INFO: 790601

7. (c) SUMMARY: [REDACTED] HAD TALKED WITH TWO DENTISTS WHO CAME TO MOSCOW IN SUMMER 1979. THEY EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD TAKEN LEAVE UPON HEARING FROM SVERDLOVSK DOCTORS, ACQUAINANCES OF THEIRS, THAT AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT WITH SOME UNIDENTIFIED BIOCHEMICAL WEAPON AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAD BECOME ILL, WITH SEVERE ABDOMINAL PAINS, AND THAT SOME OF THESE HAD DIED. [REDACTED] COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE DENTISTS, DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG THEY STAYED IN MOSCOW, AND COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

6A. (U) DETAILS: NONE

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14. (U) REQ EVAL: NO
15. (U) ENCL: N/A
16. (U) DIST BY ORIG: N/A
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