INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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TITLE: Urban Area Data on SVERDLOVSK City (UR)

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SUMMARY: Numerous military personnel were observed in SVERDLOVSK City, UR. Security was not as strict as anticipated in this city which was normally off limits to foreigners. A gas explosion killing 100 persons reportedly occurred in or about Apr 79. Venereal disease and the so-called "Siberian Anthrax" were reportedly prevalent in the city. A large bulldozer and heavy equipment plant, called Uralkhinash Factory, is located in URALKHINASH City east of SVERDLOVSK City.

DETAILS: (U)

1. Numerous military personnel and an elegant 10-story officer's club were observed in SVERDLOVSK City giving an impression that it was a military-oriented city. (No other details.) Security was not as strict as anticipated and it was only comparable to that of other Soviet cities. Although the city was reported to be off limits to foreigners, it appeared to be a tourist spot for the Russians. There were many large and elegant hotels and theaters in the city. Several North Koreans were observed in the city.

2. A Russian bus driver said a gas explosion killing 100 persons occurred about Apr 79.

3. An official of the SVERDLOVSK Plastic Plant said that venereal disease and the so-called "Siberian Anthrax" were prevalent in the city at present.
4. A polyethylene film plant was under construction.

5. Key to sketch:
   1. Old department store
   2. Jewelry store
   3. New department store
   4. Second-hand jewelry store
   5. Souvenir shop
   6. City square, May Day and Revolution Day celebration held here
   7. Communist Party Headquarters, city offices also located here
   8. Small park
   9. Cosmos Restaurant Theater
   10. Central Post Office
   11. New theater
   12. Fish market
   13. Yubilei (phonetic) Hotel
   14. Music hall
   15. Sverdlovsk Hotel
   16. Hospital, a 5-story structure
   17. Sverdlovsk Railroad Station
   18. Sverdlovsk University
   19. Theater
   20. Bolshoi Ural Hotel
   21. Site of so-called gas explosion. This area appears to be a small park at present.
   22. Water fountain
23. Officers club, a 10-story elegant structure
24. Sporting goods store
25. Apartment building, stores on first floor
26. Zoo
27. City Central Hospital consisting of several 4 or 5-story buildings.
28. Iset Hotel
29. Jewelry store
30. Ural Chemical Intourist
31. Truck load of army recruits observed here
32. Sverdlovsk Plastic Plant
33. Uralkhimash Factory [redacted] said a very large factory which produces
    bulldozers and other heavy equipment is located at this site.
    The factory is said to be the largest or second largest in the U.R.
34. Main office/headquarters of the Uralkhimash Factory.
MEMORY SKETCH OF SVERDLOVSK
(As of Jun 83)

- Railroad
- Street Car

NOT TO SCALE

URALNIIHASHI City

Approx 10km

To Airport