THIS IS AN INFO REPT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL
1. (U) COUNTRY: SOVIET UNION (UR)
2. (U) IR NO: 
3. (U) TITLE: SVERDLOVSK ALLEGED CHEMICAL ACCIDENT (U)
4. (U) DDT: 801090

FACTORY IN SVERDLOVSK HAD EXPLODED. THEY MENTIONED THAT A CERTAIN
NOF CITY SECTION WAS BLOCKED. RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA WERE EVACUATED. A LAYER OF SOIL WAS REMOVED AND REPLACED BY A FRESH EARTH COVER. WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFO RE THIS ACCIDENT; HOWEVER, HE WAS CERTAIN THAT ENTIRE CITY WAS NEVER RESTRICTED. NOTHING WAS APPARENT IN SVERLOVSK WHICH WOULD INDICATE A MAJOR ACCIDENT HAD OCCURRED AND NO POLICE CHECKS ON APPROACH TO CITY WERE OBSERVED DURING TIME OF ALLEGED ACCIDENT. KNEW OF ONLY ONE RESTRICTED AREA IN SVERLOVSK AREA: APPROX 15 KM EAST OF CITY, BETWEEN

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(604500N-575030E) AND (604500N-575000E) A SECONDARY ASPHALT ROAD WHICH BRANCHED OFF SVERLOVSK-BAZHENOVO HAY AT

JUST WEST OF HAY STATED "POSITIVELY NO ENTRY." A ROAD BLOCK W/MIL GUARD WAS LOC ABOUT 300 M WEST OF HAY. IT WAS RUMORED THAT U/I ISO TOPE RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA.

9A. (U) DETAILS: NONE

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