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SUMMARY: *(G)* THIS REPT CONTAINS LIMITED INFO ON A POSSIBLE BIOLOGICAL warfare research FAC IN SVERDLOVSK and hearsay info on the 1979 SIBERIAN ULcer OUTBREAK. IT ALSO CONTAINS INFO ON THE DESIGNATIONS AND LOCATIONS OF TWO OTHER MILITARY-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

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THIS INSTL THAT WAS SUSPECTED LOCALLY OF HAVING CAUSED THE 1979 SIBERIAN ULCER OUTBREAK IN THE AREA, COULD NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHEN IN 1979 THAT RUMORS WERE CIRCULATING IN SVEDLOVSK THAT AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF BACTERIA HAD BEEN ACCIDENTLY RELEASED FROM A MIL INSTL IN THE VTORCHERNET SUBURB CAUSING THE DEATH OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE AS A RESULT OF INTERNAL DISORDER. HEARD THAT A MASSIVE DECONTAMINATION EFFORT WAS BEING CARRIED OUT WHICH INVOLVED THE DEMOLITION OF MANY BUILDINGS AND THE RIPPING UP OF ASPHALT FROM STREETS IN THE AREA. SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER THE INCIDENT IT WAS OFFICIALLY DISCLOSED, BELIEVED IN THE NEWSPAPER “IZVESTIYA”, THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN OUTBREAK OF SIBERIAN ULCER IN SVEDLOVSK AND THAT THE MINISTER OF HEALTH HAD VISITED THE CITY AND WAS MONITORING THE SITUATION COULD RECALL NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

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