

135 (MIIR) ISG *25/04/82* *12:40* MSGNO (b)(1)BEEN MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT AN ANTHRAX EPIDEMIC IN THE SVEROLOVSK AREA REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION AT A BACTERIOLOGICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A CONFUSED EXCHANGE SUGGEST-ING THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SIMILAR EPIDEMIC IN KURGAN BUT LATER BACKING OFF THIS STATEMENT.

THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT HAPPENED OVER TWO SAID THAT HE (b)(1)REMEMBERED NOW THAT IN 1979 THERE HAD IN FACT BEEN AN INCIDENT AT A SPECIAL FACTORY (SPETSZAVOD) IN SVERDLOVSK HHICH HAD NECESSITATED THE CLOSING DEF OF PART OF THE UNFORTUNATELY NO DETAILS AS TO CASUALTIES OR EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION HERE PROVIDED AND THE SUBJECT COULD NOT BE REINTRODUCED. (b)(1)(U) PROJ NO: N/A (U) COLL MGMT CODES: NONE (U) SPEC INST: DIRC+NO----(b)(3)15 TUT REG EVAL: NO: REL TO: NONE 16. IUI ENCL: N/A 17. IUI DIST BY ORIG: N/A REVH: 020423 NNNN DONN