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TITLE Urban Area Data on SVERDLOVSK City (UR)		
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SUMMARY: MARY: (C) Numerous military personnel were observed in SVERDLOVSK City, UR. Security was not as strict as anticipated in this city which was normally off limi.s to foreigners. A gas explosion killing 100 persons reportedly occured in or about Apr 79. Venereal disease and the so-called "Siberian Anthrax" were reportedly (b)(2)prevalent in the city. A large bulldozer and heavy equipment plant, called Uralkhimash Factory, is located in URALKHIMASH City east of SVERDLOVSK City.

DETAILS: (U)

- 1. (6)-Numerous military personnel and an elegant 10-story officer's club were observed in SYERDLOVSK City giving un impression that it was a military-oriented city. (No other details.) Secretty 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. (6) A Russian bus driver said a gas explosion killing 100 persons occurred about Apr 79.

3. (6) An official of the SVERDLOVSK Plastic Plant said that venereal disease and the so-called "Siberian Anthrax" were prevalent in the city at present.

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4. (6) A polycthylene film plant was under construction

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- 5. (U) 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
 - 15. Yubilei (phonetic) Hotel
 - 14. Music hall
 - 15. Sverdlovsk Hotel
 - Hospital, a 3-story structure
 - 17. Sverdlovsk Railroad Station
 - 18. Sverdlovsk University
 - 19. Theater
 - 20. Bolshoi Ural Hotel
 - Site of so-called gas explosion. This area appears to be a small park at present.
 - 22. Water fountain

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- 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
 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 UR.

34. Main office/headquarters of the Uralkhimash Factory.

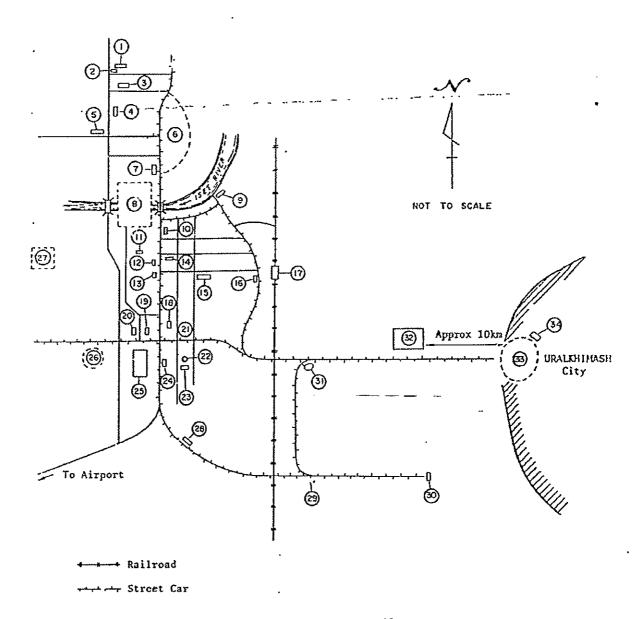
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