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¹⁶⁹ See the official website of the I.I. Mechnikov Scientific Research Anti-plague Institute of Ukraine; <http://ukrantiplague.narod.ru/> (accessed 3/9/06). (This site, written only in Russian, is hopelessly outdated, having been last updated in 2001.)

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¹⁸⁶ The Lviv institute had an important role in the Soviet BW program and currently many of its responsibilities in the north-west part of Ukraine resemble that of a typical Soviet-era AP institute.

¹⁸⁷ See endnote #112.

¹⁸⁸ See endnote #113.

¹⁸⁹ Presidential Decree *On the State Program to Reform the Public Health System of Uzbekistan of 1999* (in Russian).

¹⁹⁰ CNS interview with the director of the Center for Prophylaxis of Quarantine and High-Risk Infections (CPQHRI), Washington, D.C., March 28, 2002.

¹⁹¹ CNS interviews at Zarafshan, Karakalpak, and Turtkul AP stations, September 8-17, 2003.

¹⁹² Ibid.

¹⁹³ Center for Nonproliferation Studies, 2003. *The Evolution of the Anti-plague system of Uzbekistan and Its Objectives* (in Russian). Monterey: Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

¹⁹⁴ CNS interview with the head of Turtkul field AP station, Autonomous Republic of Karakalpakstan, Uzbekistan, September 9, 2003.

¹⁹⁵ Center for Nonproliferation Studies, 2003. *The Evolution of the Anti-plague system of Uzbekistan and Its Objectives*, op. cit.

¹⁹⁶ N. Dyagterev, *Aktualnie voprosy epidnadzora v prirodnykh ochagakh chummy. Prirodnaya ochagovost' v vysokogoryakh* (Contemporary problems of epidemiological monitoring of the natural plague foci. The formation of natural plague foci in the mountainous regions), Stavropol, 1985.

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¹⁹⁸ CNS interview with the head of the Zarafshan field AP station, Zarafshan, Uzbekistan, September 8, 2003.

¹⁹⁹ Center for Nonproliferation Studies, 2003. *The Evolution of the Anti-plague system of Uzbekistan and Its Objectives*, op. cit.

²⁰⁰ CNS staff visit to the Center for Prophylaxis of Quarantine and High-Risk Infections (CPQHRI), September 2003.

²⁰¹ CNS interview with the head of the Zarafshan field AP station, op. cit.