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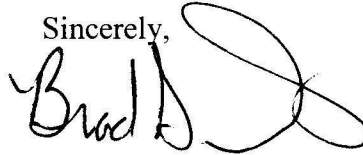
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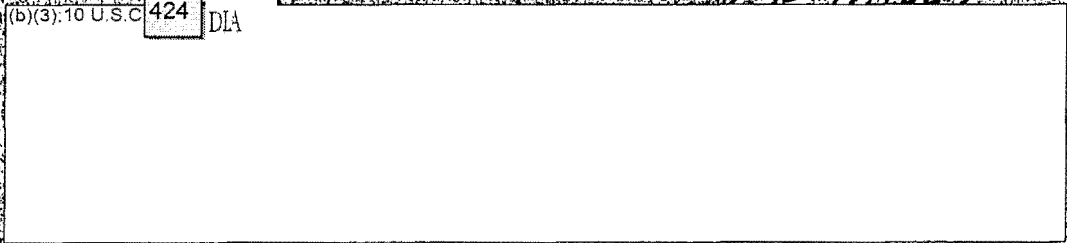
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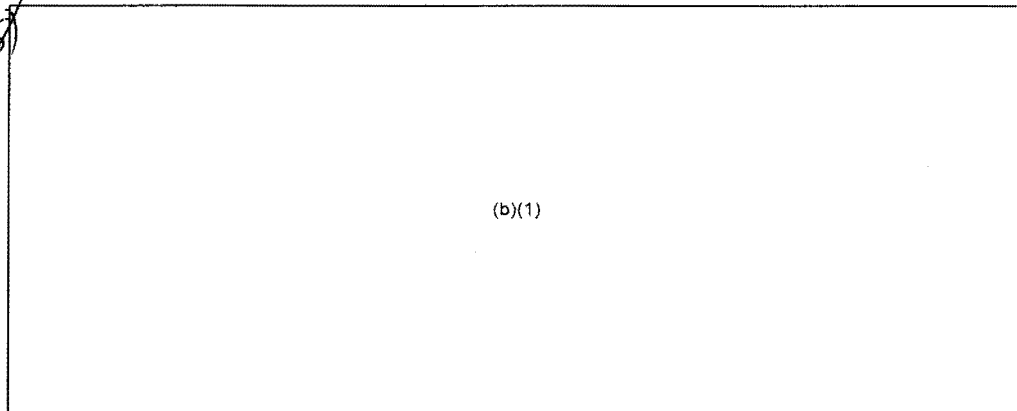
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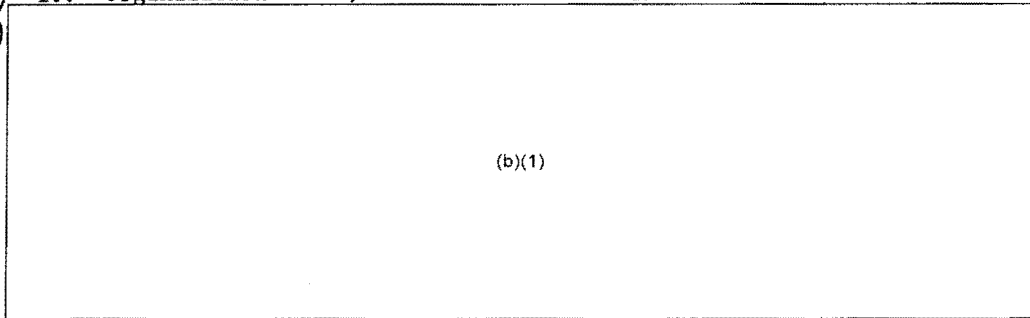
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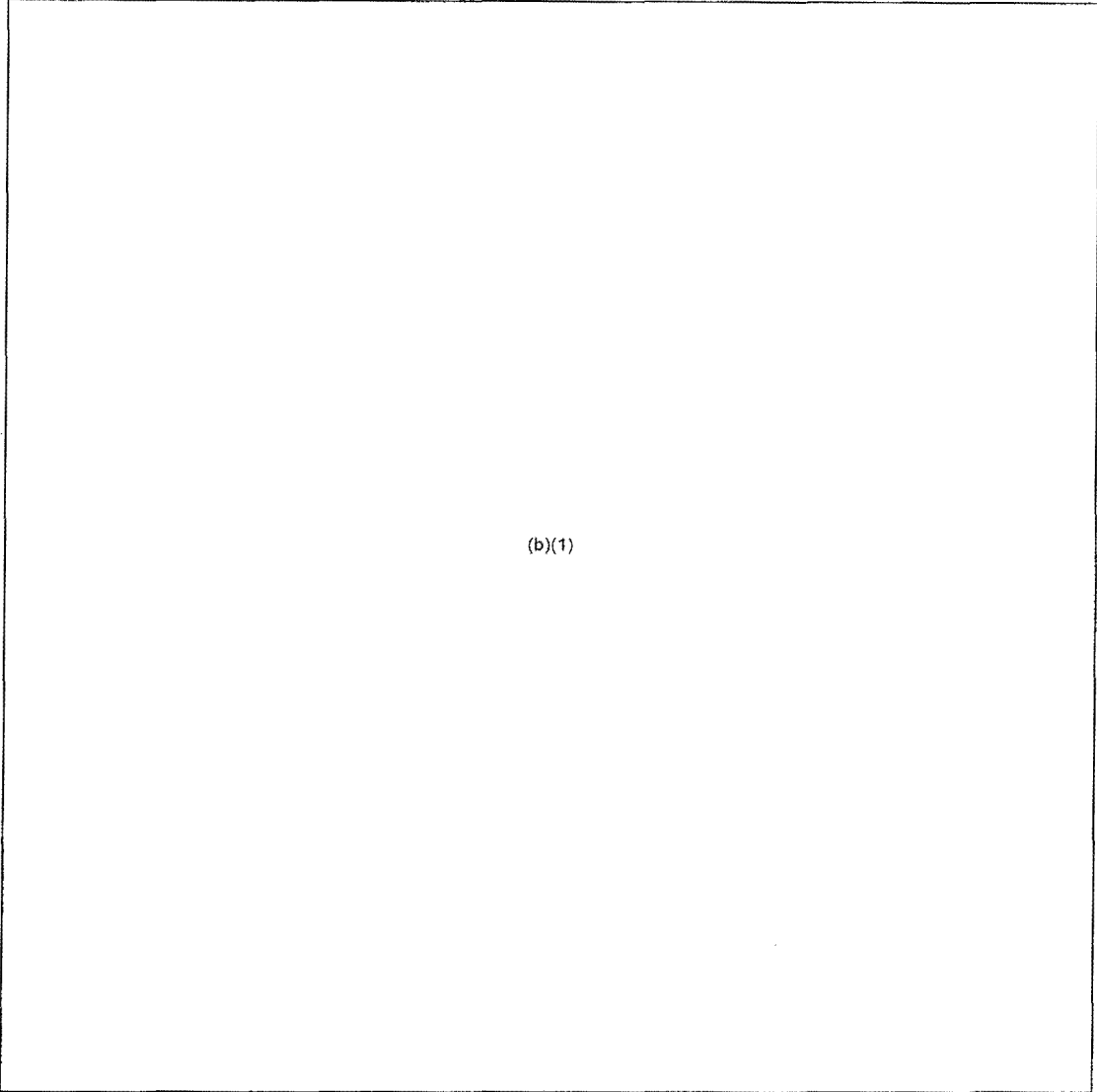
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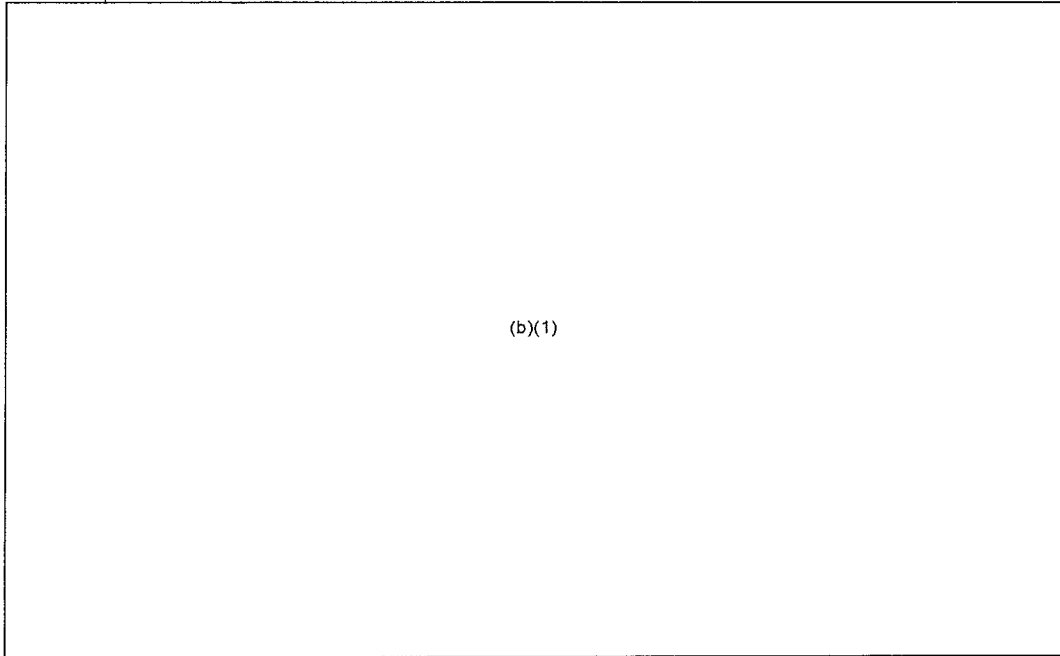
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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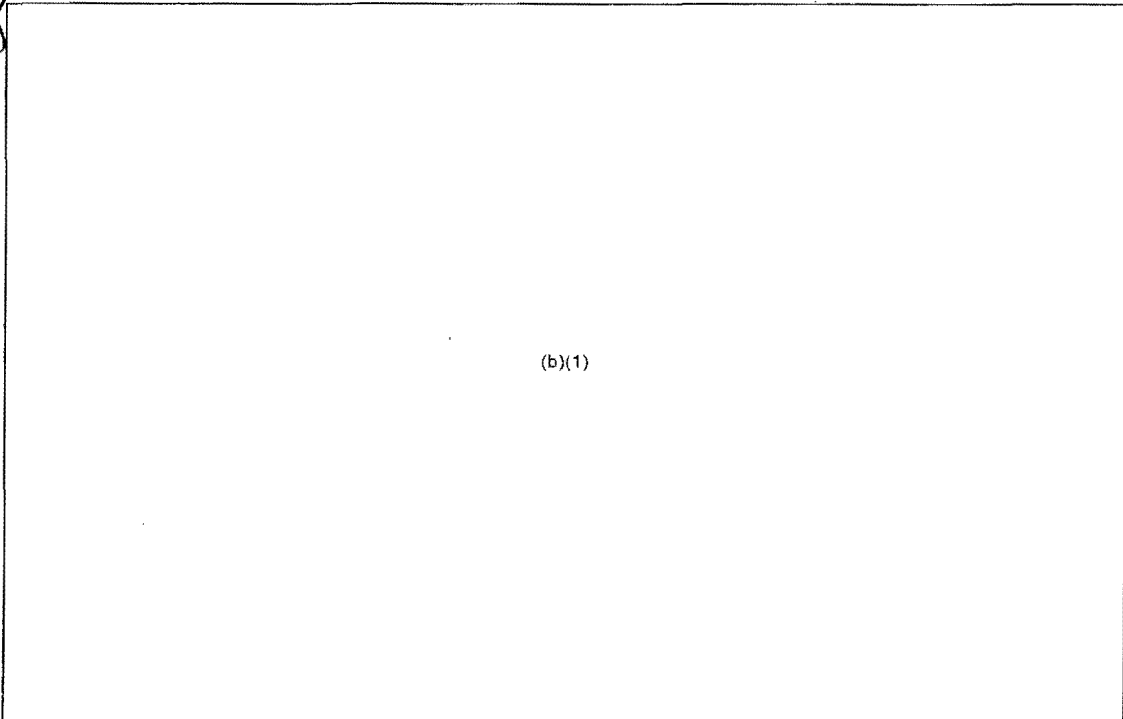
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3. (U) Geography

Czechoslovakia is located on the Central European plateau, and its borders are generally situated on mountainous terrain. It is a long narrow country measuring approximately 500 by 175 miles. It is bordered on the north by Poland, on the east by the Soviet Union, on the south by Hungary and Austria, and on the west by West and East Germany. Most of the industrial and population centers, such as Prague, Plzen, and Ceske Budejovice, are located in the western part of the country. Bratislava, in the south central portion of the country, is about 35 miles from Vienna. The eastern part of the country would seem to be the most likely site for resting and producing agents for BW since this area is the most sparsely populated portion of the country, farthest from West Germany where the greatest threat to its security lies, and lies closest to the Soviet Union.

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B. ORDER OF BATTLE FOR BW

5. ~~(S)~~ Biological Warfare Program

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b. Organization and Strength

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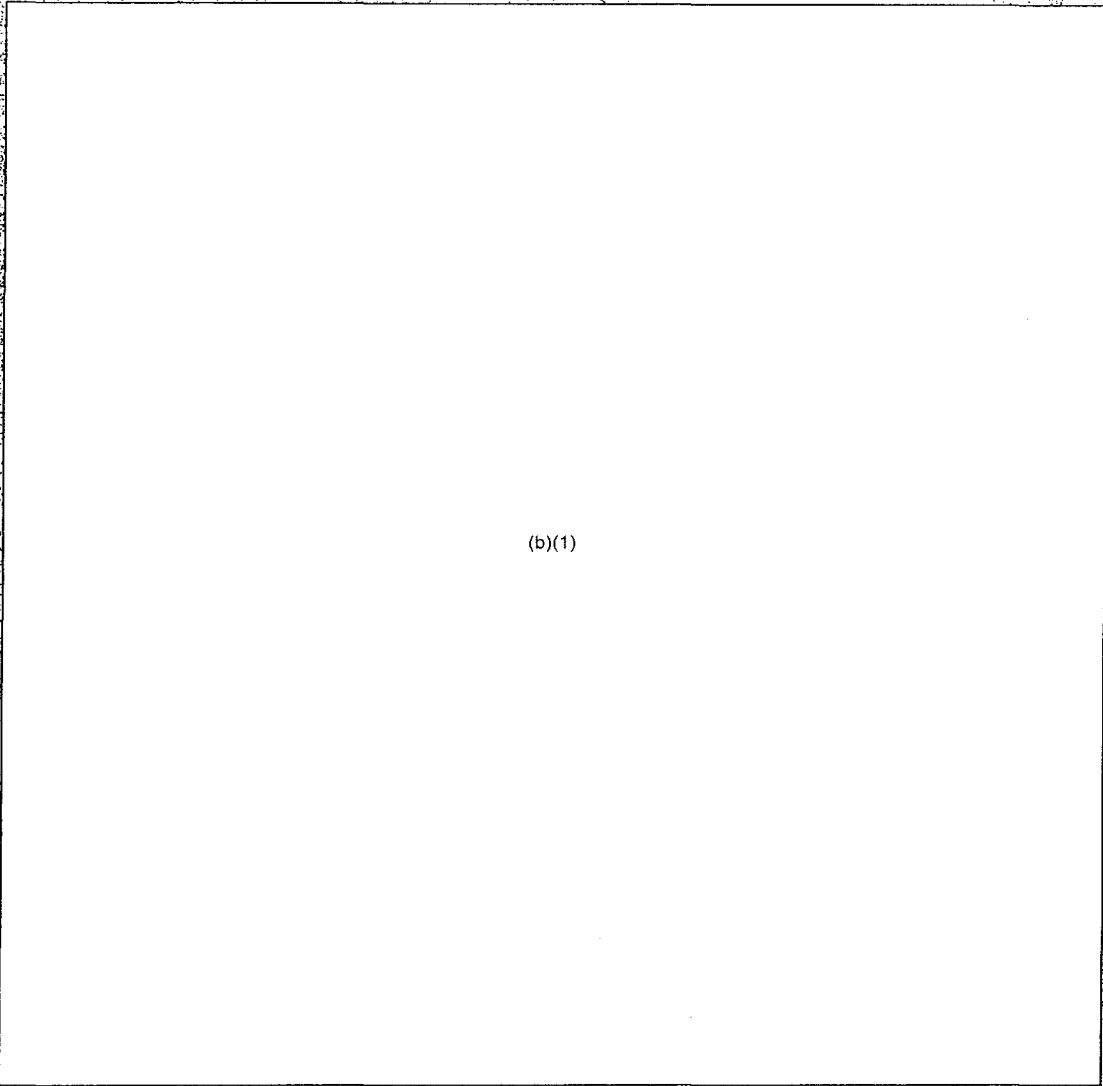
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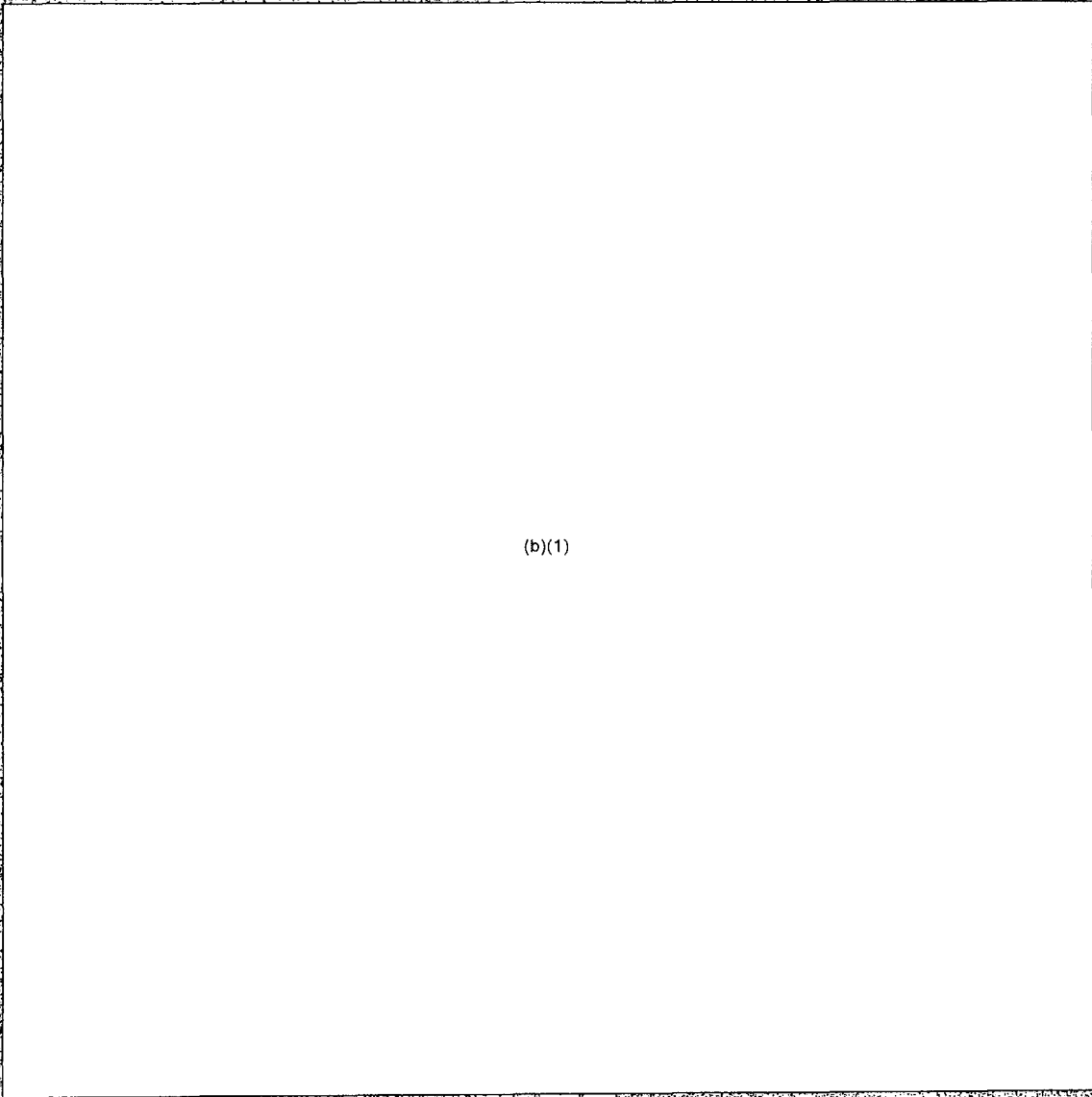
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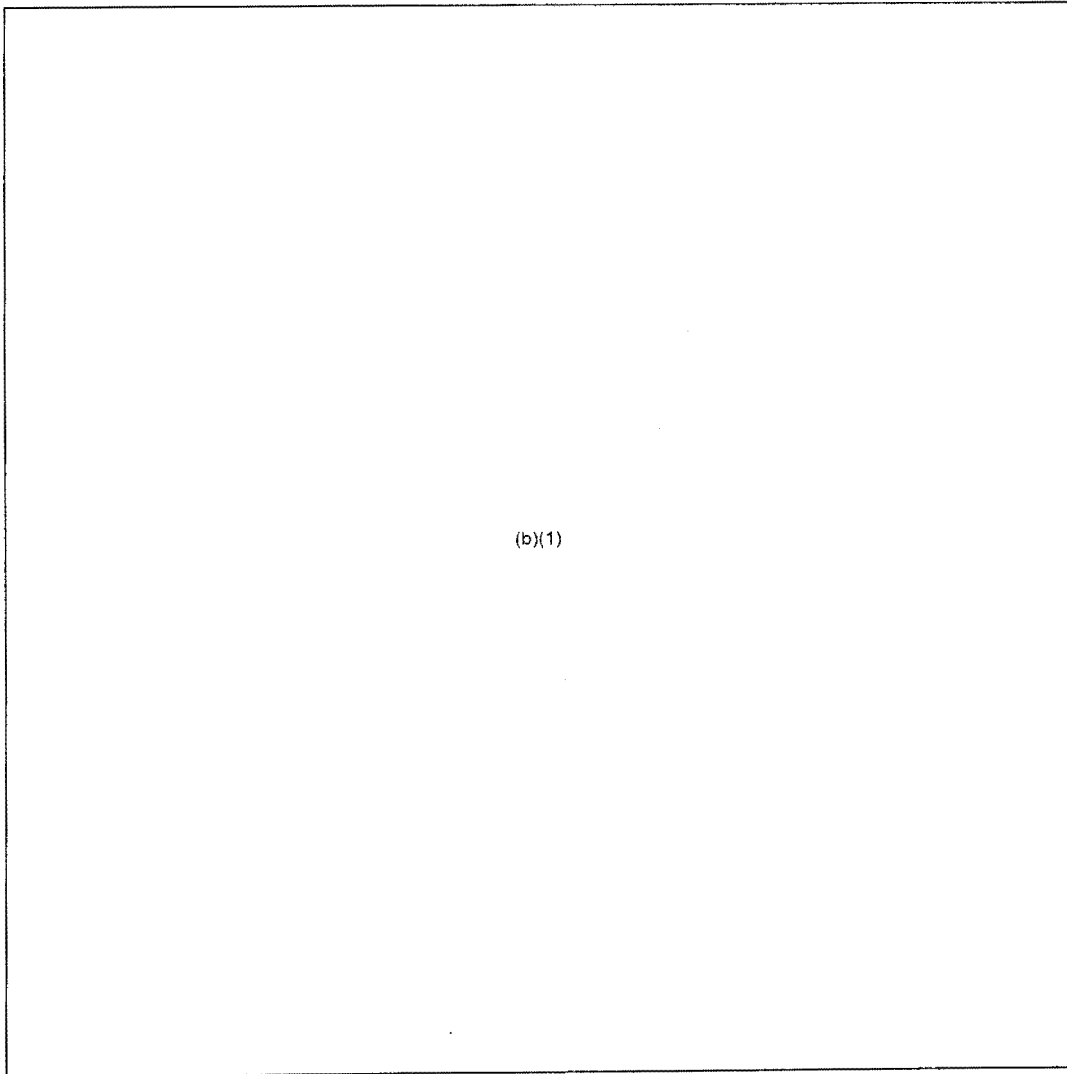
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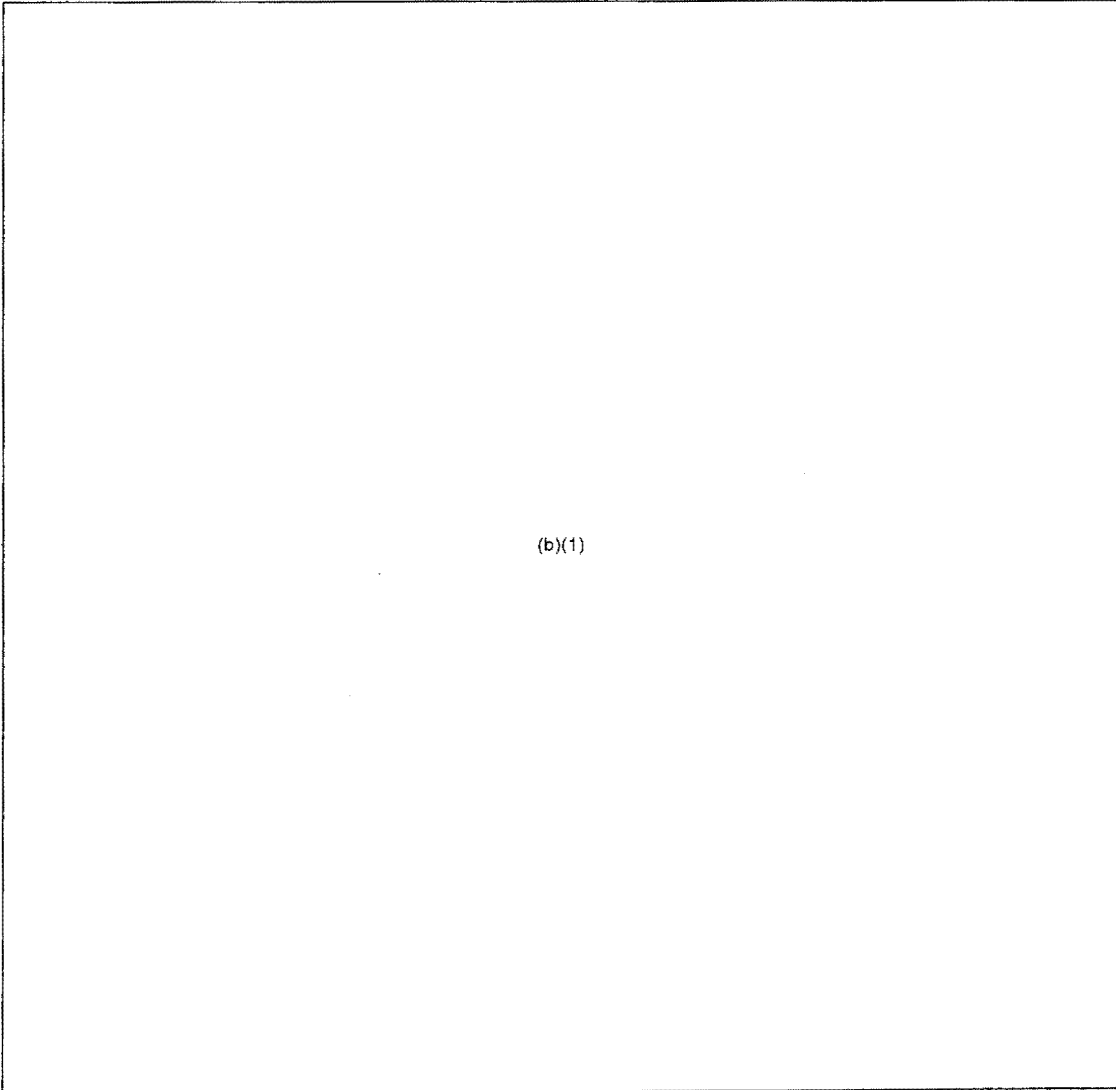
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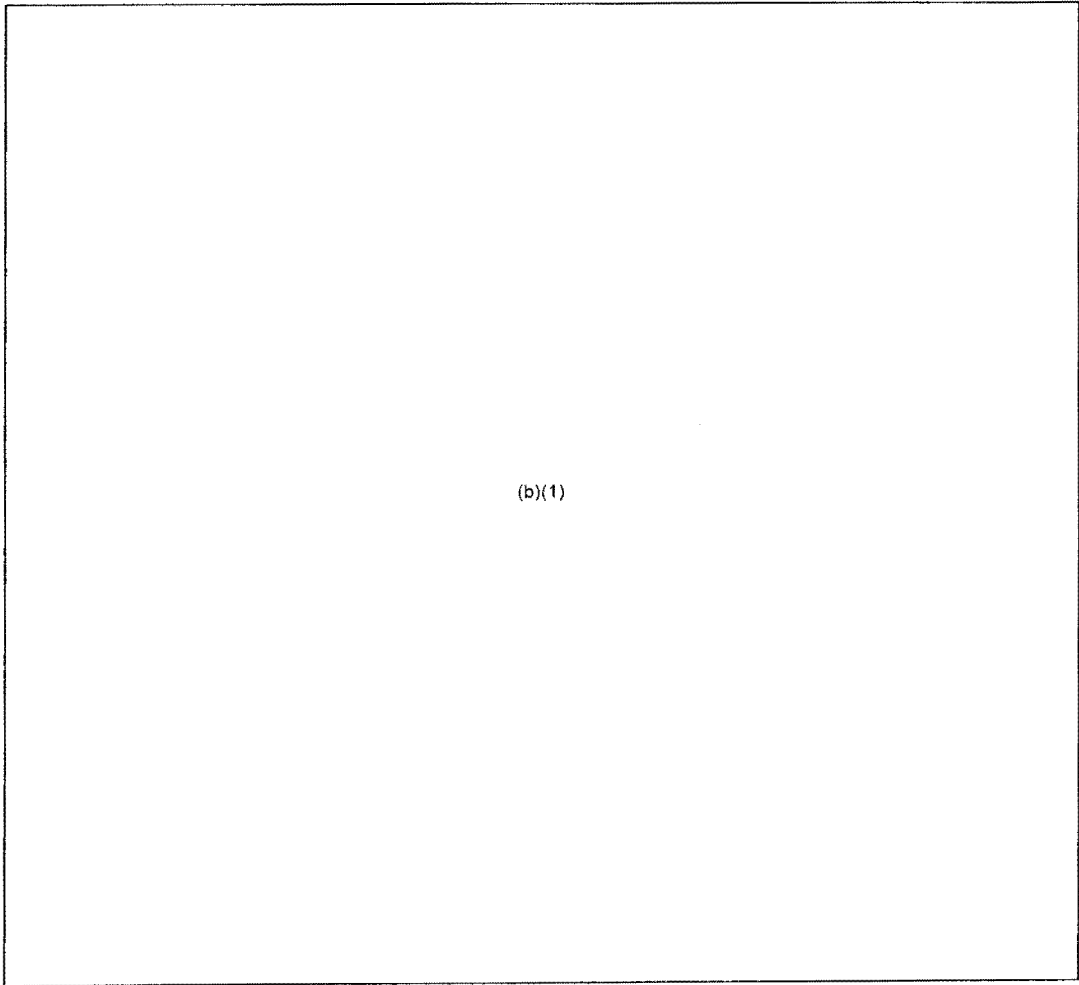
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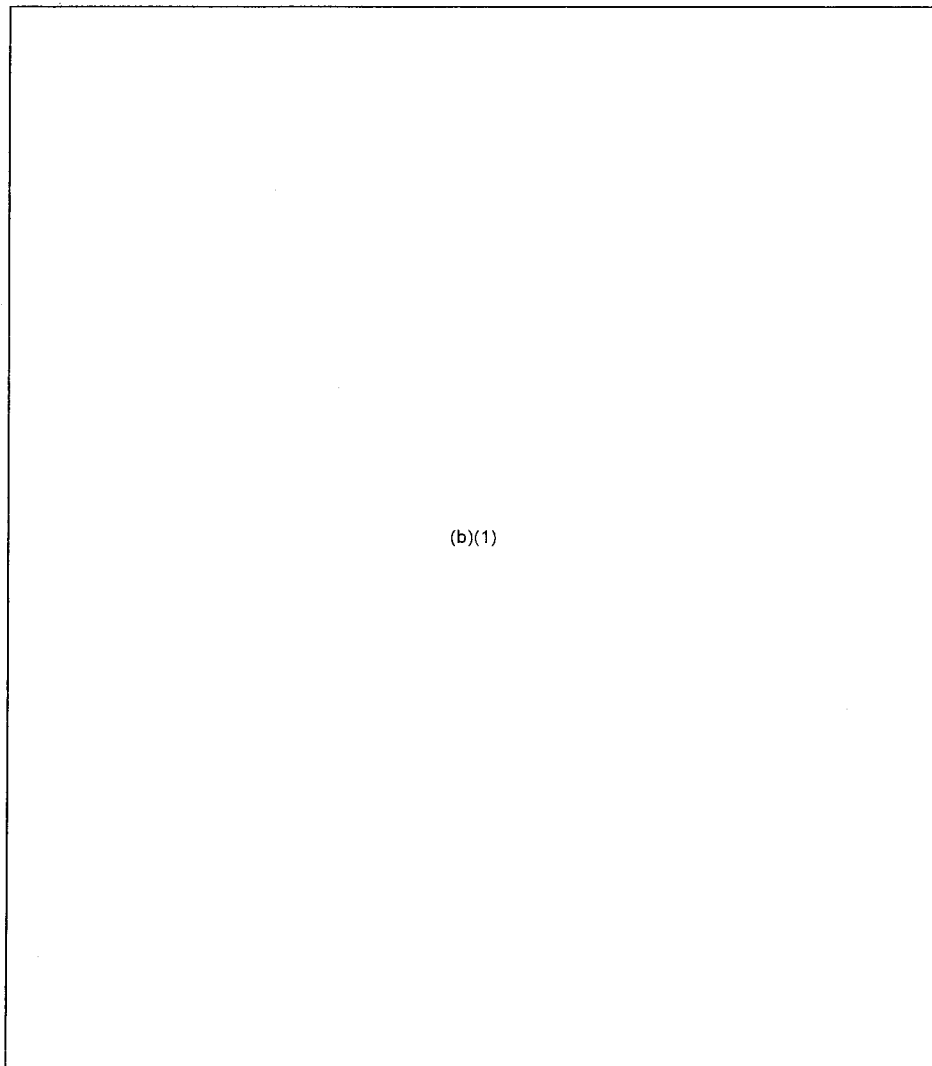
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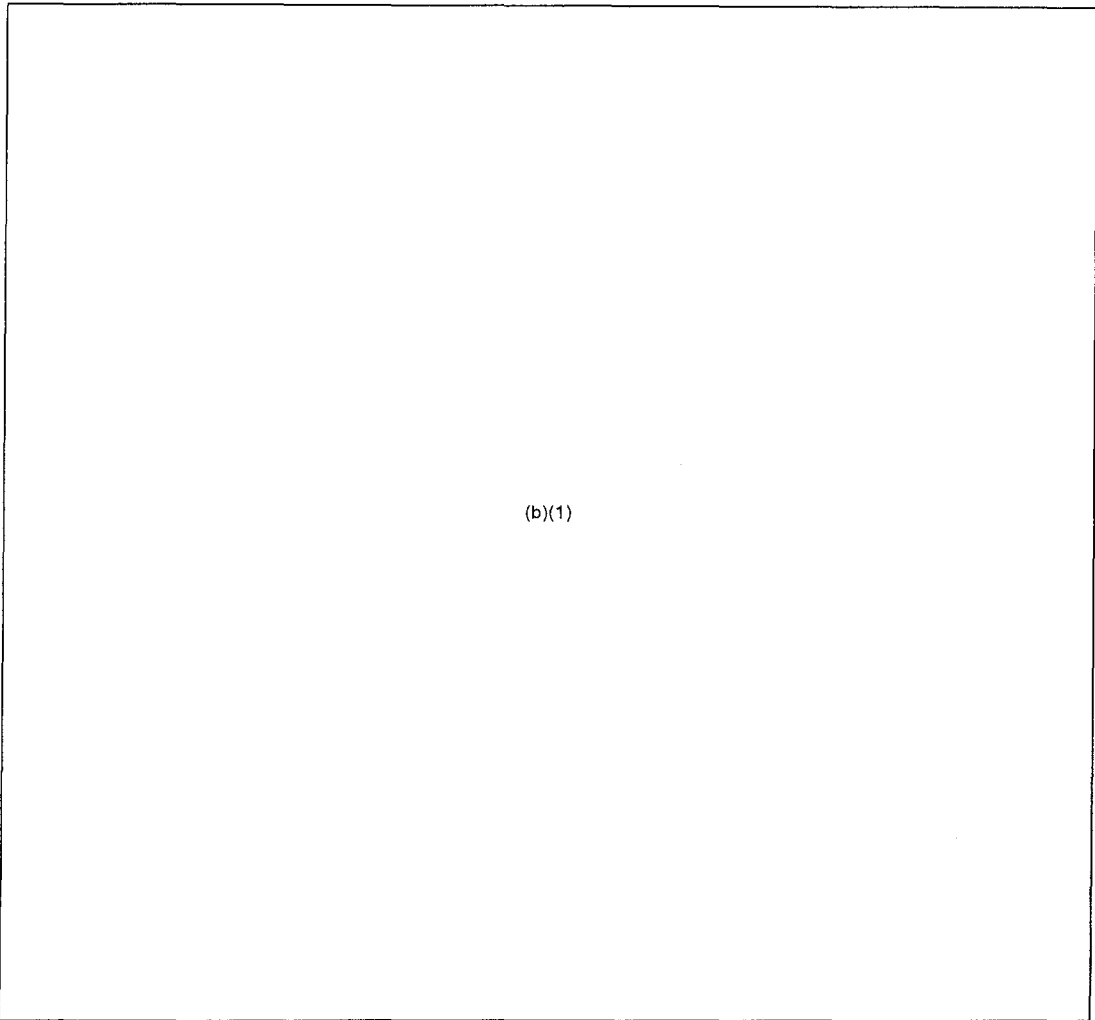
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b. ~~(C)~~ Hygiene-Epidemiology Platoon

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8. ~~(C)~~ CBR in Civil Defense Units and Programs

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C. DOCTRINES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING USE OF BW WEAPONS

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11. ~~(S)~~ Czechoslovak Plans for the Use of Biological Weapons

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12. ~~(S)~~ BW Technical Troops

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13. ~~(C)~~ Classified CBR Instructions

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D. DOCTRINES AND PROCEDURES FOR DEFENSE AGAINST BW

14. (U) Introduction

a. (U) Throughout the Czechoslovak Military organization there is ample evidence that the Czechoslovak Army is patterned after its Soviet counterpart. A Soviet publication on biological warfare and means of protection has been translated and published in Czechoslovakia.¹⁴¹ It is not unreasonable to assume that Soviet doctrines and procedures for defense against BW, as published in the above book, have been adopted by the Czechoslovaks.

b. (U) Defense against BW consists of a complex of measures aimed at preparing the military and civilian population to ward off and eradicate disease infection in the event of an enemy biological attack. As discussed in detail below, these measures have been broken down into steps to be taken before the outbreak of hostilities, after the outbreak of hostilities but before an overt BW attack, and countermeasures which must be initiated during and after a BW attack.^{141/142}

15. ^(U) ~~(C)~~ Preparation

a. (U) Immunization. The use of vaccines is one of the most effective means of preventing infections by biological agents, but it is not practical to depend on this measure alone for several reasons. The number of possible BW agents is large, and protection against each agent usually requires immunization with a specific vaccine. Effective vaccines are not

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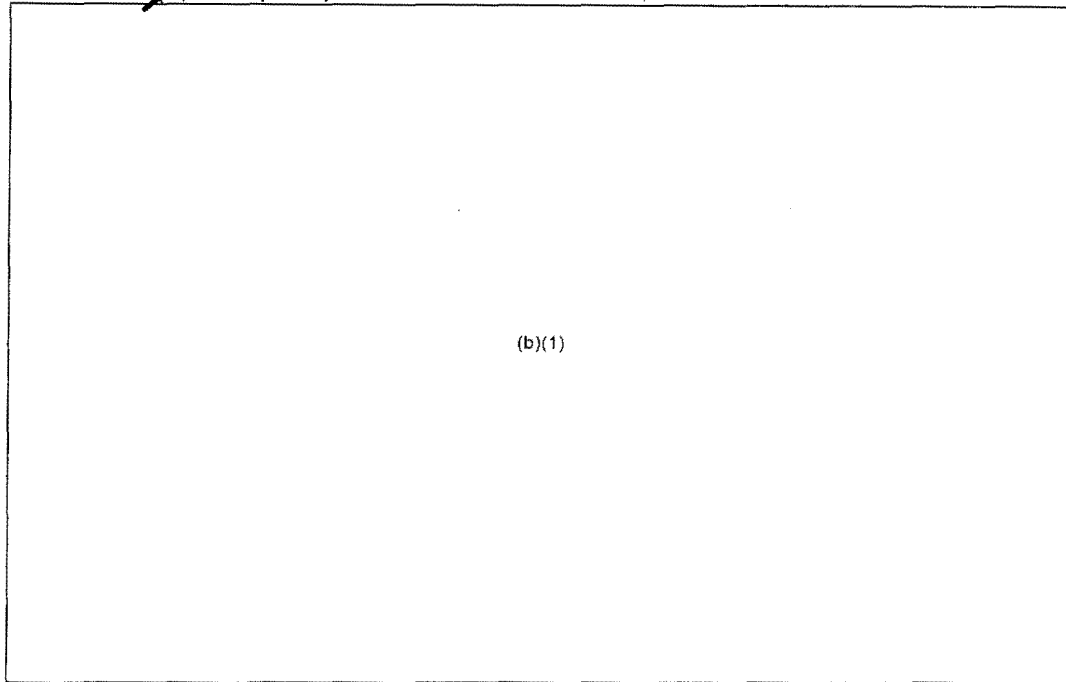
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available for all the possible BW agents, and concomitantly the duration of artificial immunity conferred by certain vaccines may be relatively short. Furthermore, a massive dose of the agent can usually overwhelm any degree of immunity.

b. ~~(C)~~ Compulsory Inoculations.¹⁴³



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d. (U) Immunization Techniques

(1) (U) General. Any intent to immunize as a means of defense against BW requires the availability of effective vaccines against potential agents, ready accessibility to these vaccines in sufficient quantity, and the means to administer these vaccines quickly to large numbers of people. The task is simplest if the biological agents to be used are known. In the absence of this knowledge, the best action is to inoculate against as many likely candidate agents as possible. Mixed vaccines are convenient for this purpose.¹⁴⁴

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(2) (U) Mixed vaccines. The Soviets have published numerous papers on mixed vaccines which are effective against a variety of candidate biological warfare agents, including those causing anthrax, plague, brucellosis, tularemia, viral encephalitides, Q-fever, smallpox, yellow fever, cholera, and botulism. Soviet work on the development of mixed vaccines is considered to be primarily intended for BW defense.^{141/142} The Czechoslovaks, however, appear to have done little or nothing to develop mixed vaccines.

e. (U) Sanitary Measures. The following sanitary-hygienic precautions are advocated^{141/142} to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among the troops:

(1) (U) Observance by every serviceman of rules of personal hygiene.

(2) (U) Maintenance of proper sanitary hygiene conditions in areas where troops are located.

(3) (U) A supply of potable water and uncontaminated food for all personnel should be maintained.

f. (U) Training. Both troops and civilian populations are taught the nature and effectiveness of biological weapons, the need to recognize a biological attack, the use of defensive materiel to ward off and decontaminate biological agents, rules of personal hygiene, the procedures for maintaining cleanliness, the need to protect supplies, and clues to aid in the timely detection of infected personnel.^{141/142}

16. (U) BW Intelligence and Agent Warning

Both overt and covert means are employed by the Soviets to obtain information on enemy preparations for BW. The defense system must anticipate a rapid exposure of personnel to biological agents and devise for rapid dissemination an appropriate warning in case of this eventuality. Foreknowledge of enemy intent is essential to take appropriate countermeasures and to initiate defensive precautions.^{141/142} As there are no special devices yet developed by which all pathogenic microorganisms and toxins can be recognized immediately and precisely in real time, criteria have been set up for the observation and recognition of all clues indicating the employment of BW agents.^{141/142} These signs have been described as being the dull explosion of an aerial bomb, artillery shell, or mine in the absence of indications that radioactive or poisonous substances have been released. Another sign would be the presence of powder-like substances and drops of liquid on the soil and vegetation near points of detonation. By observation, data can be collected about the scattering and impacting of various objects dropped from airplanes, about the presence of

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insects, ticks, and rodents, and about the identity of insects and rodents foreign to the given locality. Finally, the explosive appearance of animal disease among livestock and the sudden outbreak of human illnesses can be due to infection by biological agents.^{141/142} According to Soviet doctrine, observation posts are established everywhere, whether a unit is on the fighting front or in the rear, to insure security round-the-clock. The observer watches for sabotage infection; for the dissemination of bacterial agents from enemy aircraft or from special machines, sprayers, or other apparatus used for this purpose; and for the appearance of exotic biological vectors, etc. It has been emphasized that the appearance of unknown faces and any unusual activity in the surveyed district should always attract the attention of the observer.^{141/142} To report a biological attack, alarm signals have been worked out and established in advance. These have been made known to all personnel, military and civilian alike. These signals are solely for an alarm in the event of either a chemical or biological attack. They are given a priority for dispatch by all possible means of communication.^{141/142} When there is a positive indication that the enemy has applied BW agents, a so-called biological survey should be performed. Organization of the biological survey is the fixed responsibility of all commanding officers and their staffs. Both officers and soldiers can be utilized. In order that this duty can be successfully performed, officers and soldiers should always be well grounded in the fundamentals of biological warfare.^{141/142} A biological survey is conducted constantly upon the initiation of military action, and, for this purpose, certain equipment is required: topographical maps, writing paper, pencils, protective clothing and gas masks, together with a set of small boxes, jars, and instruments for taking samples. A detailed procedure for conducting the survey has been established.^{141/142}

17. (U) Rules of Conduct on Ground Contaminated by Bacterial Agents

a. In the event of biological warfare, every Soviet soldier, sailor, and officer is expected to exhibit unusual stamina, initiative, and dauntless determination for victory over the enemy. A BW attack cannot be the reason to cease fighting.^{141/142}

b. The fundamental obligation of a soldier is the successful completion of his mission. For the successful completion of military missions under conditions of biological warfare, every serviceman must know how to protect himself and his arms from contamination; for these purposes, he must know how to use the fortified installations, topographical formations, field expediences, and naval accommodations which may be available.^{141/142}

c. To avoid contamination, every soldier must be able to use individual items issued for antibiological defense and to operate in them for extended periods. He must be able to

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perform sanitary treatment, disinfection, and insecticidal procedures, and he must keep in working order the various items of individual protective equipment. When these items are not available, he must be able to improvise suitable substitutes. 141/142

d. Provisions, water, and personal equipment must be kept free from contamination, and the sanitary-hygiene rules must be strictly observed. Every serviceman must know that terrain contaminated by biological agents is considered accessible for combat action. To minimize the contamination of the individual soldier by bacterial agents, precautionary measures have been prescribed. Contaminated terrain is best traversed in vehicles. 141/142

18. (U) Antiepidemic Measures Employed Following a BW Attack

a. Sanitary Measures

(1) Partial sanitary treatment. Partial sanitary treatment and disinfection are to be accomplished immediately after the biological attack. These actions will be taken by each individual soldier. This treatment is limited to washing the exposed parts of the body and the surface of all military equipment which has to be touched for fulfillment of the military mission. 141/142

(2) Complete sanitary treatment. Complete sanitary treatment is to be accomplished in an unpolluted place after the withdrawal of each unit or ship from combat. Complete treatment is also to be made available either in field or station hospitals for infected personnel who have been wounded. Special treatment points are planned for this complete sanitary and disinfecting treatment which consists of thorough scrubdown in a shower while personal clothing and equipment are being decontaminated. 141/142

b. Organization of Observation and Quarantine

(1) General rule. All personnel of the Army exposed directly to biological agents or using food and water thought to be polluted by bacterial agents must be considered contaminated. In order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, observation and follow-up procedures are to be instituted. 141/142

(2) Observation. Observation is a system of measures for providing isolation and confinement as well as therapeutic and prophylactic treatment to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The units under observation continue combat activities while maximal restrictions are placed on their contacts with persons who have not been exposed to the biological agents. Removal from the contaminated area of materiel which has not been

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disinfected is prohibited. Special routes are set up for passage through the area. All exposed personnel are to be given emergency treatment, and every effort will be made to determine precisely which personnel have been infected. Departure of personnel from the contaminated area will be strictly controlled.^{141/142}

(3) Quarantine. When it has been determined that microbial agents of especially dangerous diseases such as plague and cholera have been used, the protocol above must be replaced by quarantine. Quarantine is a system of control measures aimed at the complete isolation of the focus of each infection and the liquidation of infectious disease within it. With the consent of proper authorities, a quarantined unit may be withdrawn from combat. An armed guard for the contaminated area will be posted, departures are to be forbidden, and admissions will be restricted. In order to limit potential epidemics, exposed personnel will be divided into small groups. Special decontamination procedures will be followed.^{141/142}

c. Decontamination Measures

(1) Boundaries. The boundaries of the contaminated area are determined as soon as possible after the biological attack. All efforts will be exerted to contain agent materiel within the area. After establishing the boundaries, a directive is issued for the behavior of personnel on the contaminated terrain; for the use of road, water supply, shelters, living, and agricultural premises; for the disinfection of combat equipment, transportation facilities, and arms; and for the sanitary treatment of personnel and animals. The decision whether or not to completely disinfect the contaminated area is to be made by the commanding officer.^{141/142}

(2) Procedures. Decontamination machines are usually used for the disinfection of terrain, defense installations, combat equipment, and structures. Individual equipment will be disinfected with hand sprayers, manpack decontamination sprayers, hydraulic pumps, etc. Detailed decontamination procedures have been established.^{141/142}

E. BW MATERIEL (OFFENSIVE)

19. (S) BW Weapons

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F. BW MATERIEL (DEFENSIVE)

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22. ~~(C)~~ Individual Protective Equipment

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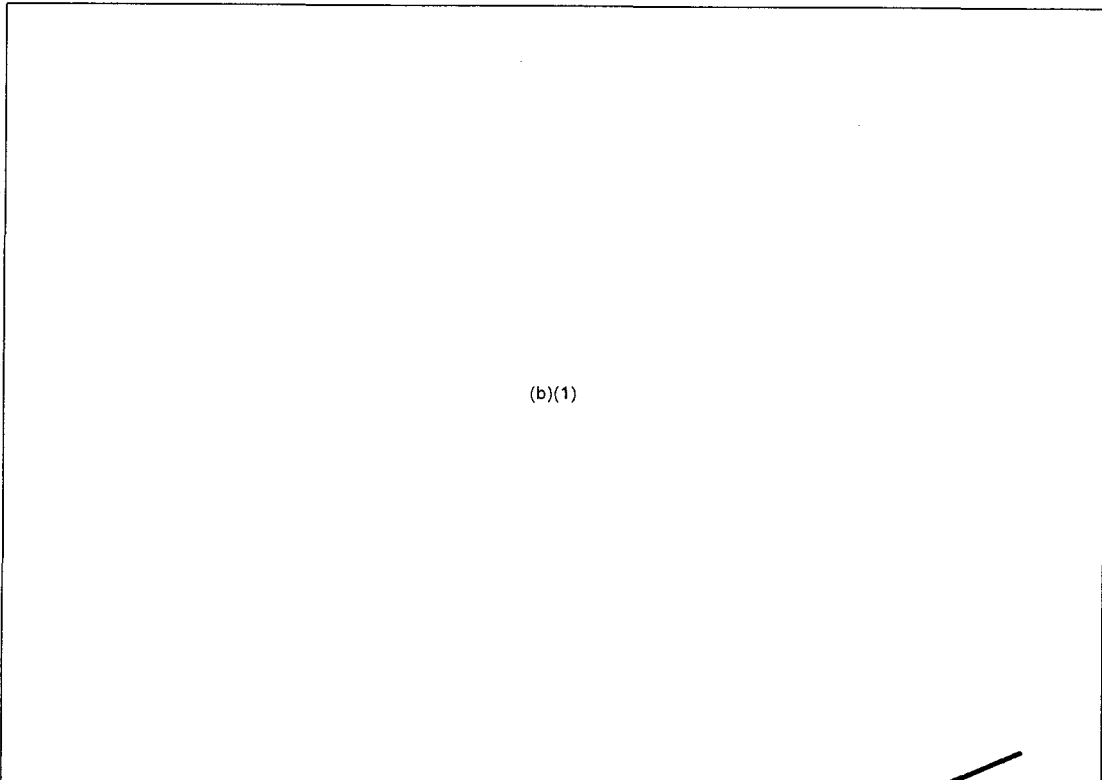
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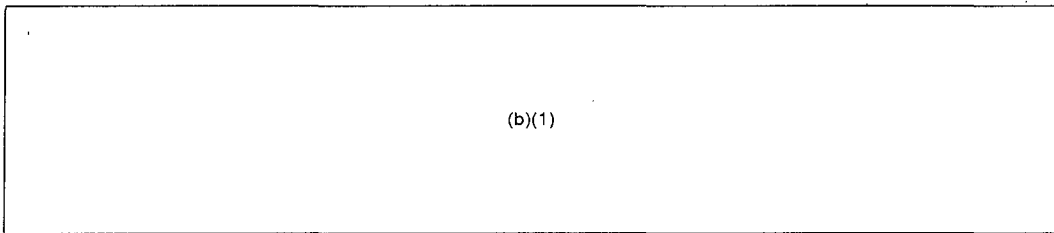
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Figure 10. New Czechoslovak protective mask (U).



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