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extensive experiments in Biological Warfare at PISCAN Laboratory and field experiments at ANCA, using Manchurians and Chinese bandits as material. Total of 2,000 died as result of experiments. Facilities for producing typhus-carrying fleas in quantity, and a two-conveyor system of producing cholera and typhus cultures in quantity existed at PISCAN. Forty-five kilograms of fleas were produced in three months. The one conveyor in operation produced 140 kilograms of cholera culture or 200 kilograms of typhus culture in a single month.

"Typhus-carrying fleas were produced in following manner. White (?) rats infected with typhus were placed in 4,500 special cans and infested with fleas. After short time, special light in can was turned on and infected fleas were thereby stimulated to leave rat and enter a detachable flea trap. Fleas were then collected in quantity. Flea bites were infectious for seven hours after fleas bit infected rats.

"At PISCAN, humans were kept in cells and infected in various ways to provide data as to effectiveness of various cultures produced in laboratory. Humans were also transported to ANCA in closed vans, tied to stakes, and exposed to various methods of spreading bacteria in the field, principally serial bombs and sprays. Victims were returned to PISCAN for observation.

"Above information was so preposterous to Russians that Russian Bi experts were called in. They reinterrogated, checked ruins of PISCAN and confirmed information. (PISCAN was destroyed by Japanese. Lt. Col. McWILL asked following question to determine how wall job was done. 5. The Colonel said "Ruins of PISCAN". Was it bombed or destroyed as a result of fighting?)

"PISCAN was completely destroyed by Japanese who attempted to cover up all evidence. All documents were also destroyed, and our reports did not even bother to photograph ruins, so thorough was damage.

"Japanese committed a horrible crime killing 2,000 Manchurians and Chinese, and General IZUMI, Col. KIKUCHI, and Col. STA are involved. (Names of Japanese Russians want to interrogate) Also quantity production of flea and bacteria is very important. At Haersberg trials, a German expert witness said spreading typhus by fleas was considered best method of BW. Japanese seem to have this technique. It would be of value to USA as well as USSR to get this information. It is requested that these three Japanese be interrogated without being told they are liable to be war criminals, and that they be made to swear not to tell anyone about interrogation."

5. The information obtained above corresponds with knowledge previously in possession of United States, as suggested by previous

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