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1.

observations concerning the qualities of Soviet medical care was at a kolkhoz about 35 miles outside of Kiev. There were about two thousand people on this kolkhoz. There was a clinic for the people of the kolkhoz, with a doctor and three nurses in attendance. They said they had a fluoroscope and an x-ray machine. The x-ray machine was shared with another clinic. Prescriptions could be obtained at the pharmacy of the clinic free. The question of anti-biotics never came up during my visit to the kolkhoz or elsewhere during my visit to the USSR. There was no plumbing at all on the kolkhoz. Lavatories were merely outhouses with a box and a hole. Flies and mosquitoes were everywhere. The facilities for washing one's hands at the kolkhoz consisted of a bowl for the common use of all. There was only fresh water for rinsing one's hands after washing. It is hard to see how under these conditions they avoid contagious diseases but they said there was no one in the clinic because they had no contagious disease patients at the time. The people at the kolkhoz seemed to be convinced they were getting admirable medical care.

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The streets were spotlessly clean in both Moscow and Kiev. They had an excessive amount of labor engaged in keeping things clean not only in the streets, but in the hotels and office buildings. seeing any garbage trucks. One of the reasons that they have to employ so much labor in keeping the streets of Moscow clean is that the drains on all buildings empty right on the sidewalk with the result that the sidewalks have to be constantly washed to be kept clean.

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3. While in Moscow [redacted] a bookstore two posters setting forth anti-United States bacteriological warfare propaganda. [redacted] no way of finding out whether the population believed propaganda charges concerning the use of bacteriological warfare in Korea. 25X1X

4. - In Moscow University and Kiev University the libraries were well stocked with the current US, British, and German scientific periodicals.

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5. [redacted] the USSR no knowledge at all on the availability of Soviet-produced antibiotics within the USSR.

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