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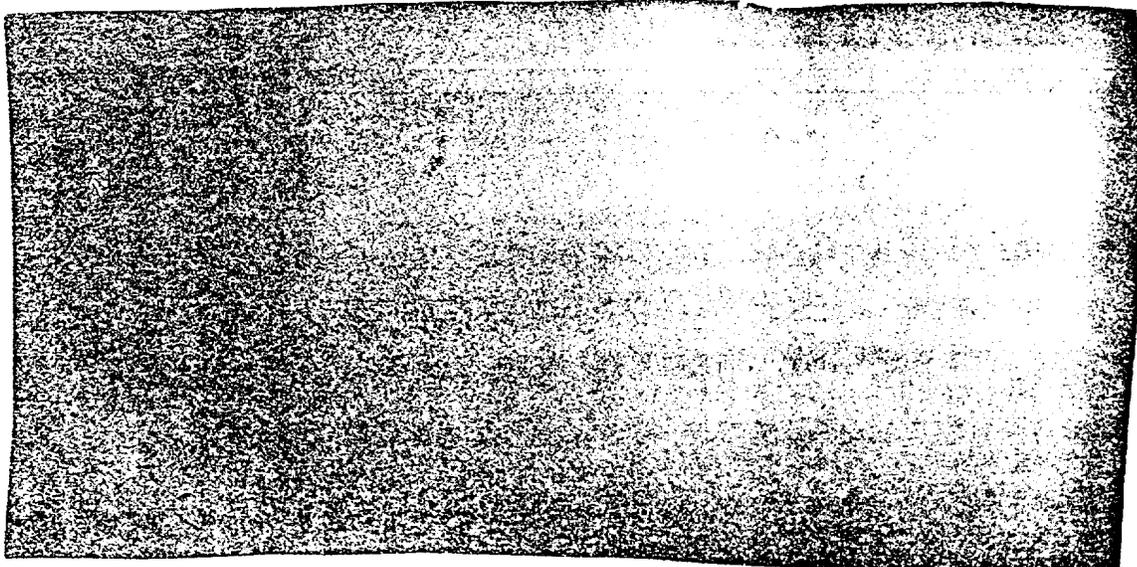
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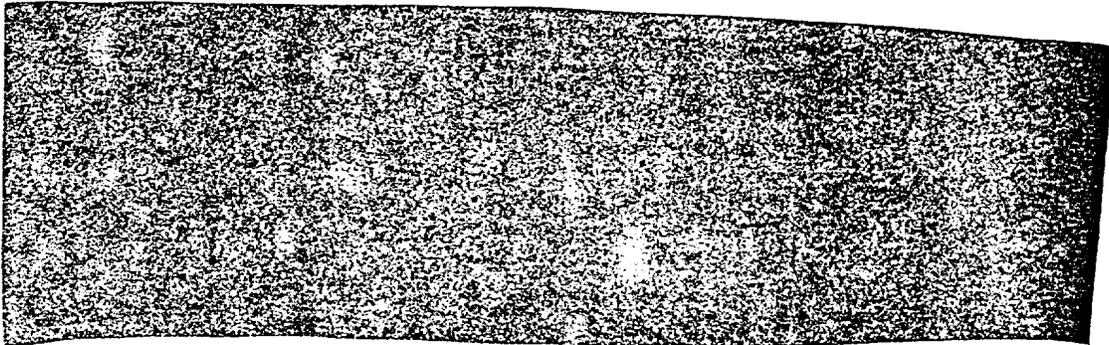
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Outbreak of Disease in Iraq Not From BW

Egyptian and Soviet press recently have carried stories claiming that disease outbreaks in Iraq have resulted from coalition airstrikes on Iraqi biological warfare facilities. 

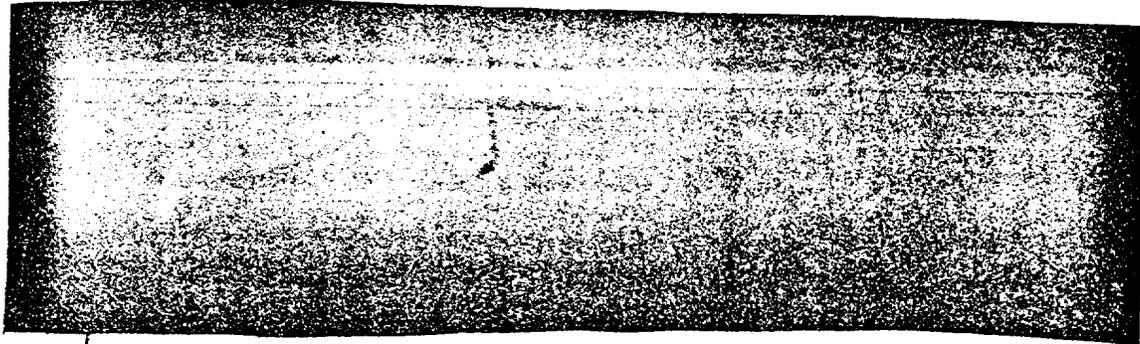
Comment: While outbreaks of disease probably are occurring in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, the cause almost certainly is a lack of sanitation, not exposure to BW agents from destroyed facilities. Media footage showing raw sewage filling some streets in Baghdad and residents washing cookware in the polluted Tigris River strongly suggests that endemic diseases are or soon will be on the rise. Moreover, the reported symptoms do not match those caused by any BW agent believed to be in Iraq's arsenal. 



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Baghdad Enforcing Fuel Sale Regulations

Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council declared this week that violations of fuel control regulations would be penalized by mandatory fines and prison terms, according to Baghdad radio. The law calls for prison sentences of up to five years and fines up to 5,000 dinars for those who exceed government fuel quotas or seize public supplies for personal use or private sales. ■

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