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4. Possible Soviet Missile Disaster

Russia deceased
 The Soviet press has reported, in separate obituaries, that KGB Major General G. F. Naymushin and army Colonel General V. A. Bolyatko died suddenly on 26 November "in performance of duties." Naymushin was chief of the KGB Directorate for Krasnodar Kray. Bolyatko's obituary identified him as chief of an unspecified central directorate of the USSR Defense Ministry and credited him with development of new missile equipment.

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 Bolyatko's association with missile programs can be inferred from his having signed the obituary in October 1960 of Marshal Nedelin, who as learned later was killed in a missile explosion. Bolyatko's own obituary was signed by many high officials, including Brezhnev and Ye. P. Slavsky, who heads the missile-related Ministry of Medium Machine Building. Although Bolyatko allegedly was killed in an auto accident, the Soviet press is notorious for concealing the true nature of catastrophes, as in Nedelin's case, where he was alleged to have died in an air accident.

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