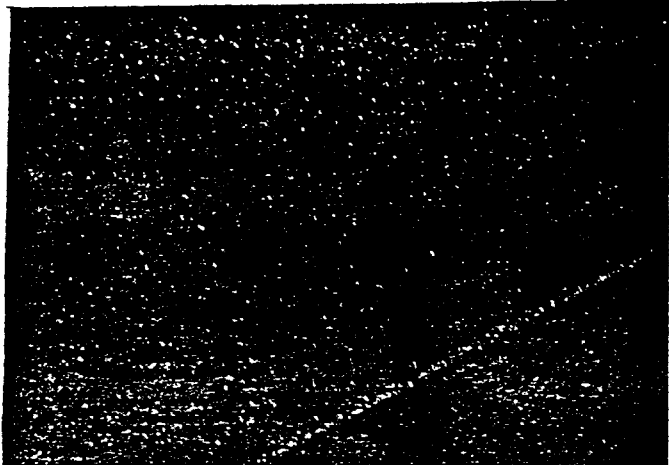




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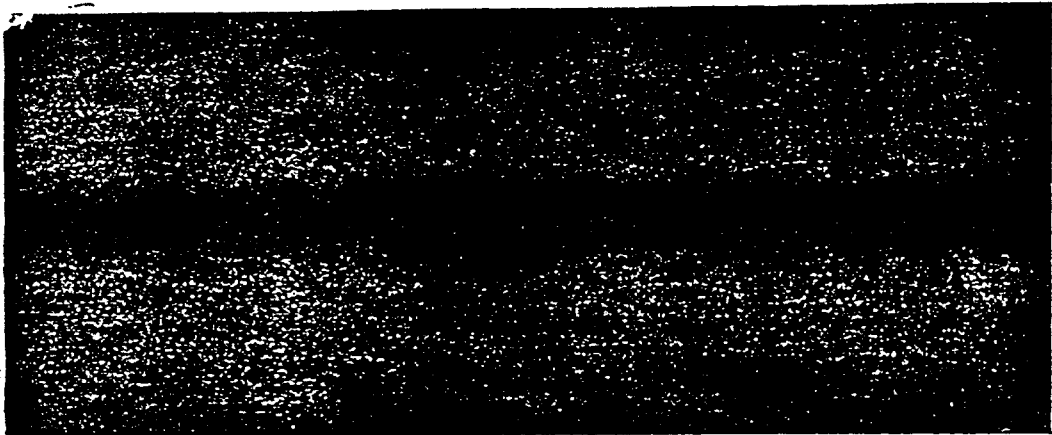
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USSR: A Soviet civilian research institute is conducting weather modification experiments for the armed forces [REDACTED].

The [REDACTED] Leningrad Hydrometeorological Institute [REDACTED] worked on classified weather modification projects and [REDACTED] experiments with military applications [REDACTED]. Most of those experiments were for fog dispersal. [REDACTED] one experiment conducted in the Arctic region in which fog was dispersed so that Soviet officials could view the results of a nuclear test.

For over 20 years, the Soviets have operated a large weather modification program for civilian purposes under the direction of the Hydrometeorological Service in Moscow. Although military involvement in this effort has long been suspected,

[REDACTED] the Soviet Air Force has provided increased funding in recent years [REDACTED] for weather modification research.

The Soviet civil program has been successful in developing techniques for altering certain types of local weather conditions, most notably fog dissipation and hail suppression. The Soviet approach has been to focus on problems that have the greatest potential for military and economic applications. For example, the Soviets now use fog dissipation techniques regularly at several airports and could employ them to support air operations in a war situation. Despite their successes, the Soviets are not known to have made any unique advances in the field of weather modification.

In the broader area of climate modification, the Soviets are still believed to be in an early research and development stage and are not known to have conducted any experiments. [REDACTED]

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