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TEXT:

(((A. KRUTOV VIDEO REPORT; FROM THE "TV INFORM" PROGRAM)))
 ((TEXT)) A TENTH OF THE TOTAL TERRITORY OF OUR COUNTRY, 290
 RAYONS, ARE CONSIDERED ECOLOGICALLY DAMAGED. HERE IS A REPORT BY
 ALEKSANDR KRUTOV FROM THE CITY OF DALNEGORSK OF THE MARITIME KRAY:

((BEGIN RECORDING)) ((KRUTOV)) SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AN
 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT CRASHED ON THIS HILL. UNFORTUNATELY, AS
 THE EYEWITNESSES WERE CLIMBING TOWARDS THE SCENE OF THE EVENT, IT
 DISAPPEARED. AS WE UNDERSTOOD FROM OUR TALKS WITH THE RESIDENTS OF
 DALNEGORSK, THE UFOS ARE A COMMON OCCURRENCE HERE. THE LOCAL
 UFOLOGISTS HAVE EVEN ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH OUTER SPACE, AND ONE
 DAY EXPECTED THE LANDING OF A UFO IN THE CITY STADIUM. FOR UNKNOWN
 REASONS, THE ENCOUNTER DID NOT TAKE PLACE, BUT THE UFOLOGISTS HAVE
 NOT LOST HOPE.

SO WHAT ATTRACTS VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE TO DALNEGORSK? COULD
 THIS DEAD LAND BE IT? ((VIDEO SHOWS SIGHTS IN DALNEGORSK TAKEN FROM
 HELICOPTER, CUTS TO SHOW WHAT LOOKS LIKE A STRIP-MINING SITE)) IT
 CERTAINLY IS SUITABLE ONLY FOR THE LANDING OF A SPACESHIP. THIS
 MOON-LIKE LANDSCAPE IS WHAT HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY THE INDUSTRIAL
 ASSOCIATION 'BOR'. THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A CHEAP DEAL AT THE TIME,
 AND THIS IS HOW THEY MINED, BUILDING TENANT HOUSES AND A HOSPITAL
 RIGHT IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE, CLOSE TO THE PLACE OF WORK. AS A
 RESULT, DUST AND SUSPENDED MATTER COVERS THE TOWN AND CLOGS THE
 LUNGS OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN. ((VIDEO SHOWS INTERVIEW WITH G.
 PILIPCHUK, A GYNECOLOGIST))

((PILIPCHUK)) THE STATE OF HEALTH OF OUR WOMEN, AND ACTUALLY THE
 STATE OF HEALTH OF ALL THE POPULATION OF OUR RAYON, DOES NOT GIVE US
 THE MEDICS CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM. LATELY, THE GROWTH OF BIRTH DEFECTS
 AMONG THE NEWBORN AND THE HIGH RATE OF MORBIDITY IN THE FIRST MONTHS
 OR YEARS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN OBSERVED, AND WE THE MEDICAL WORKERS
 CONNECT IT TO THE DAMAGING INFLUENCE OF OUR CHEMICAL AND MINING
 INDUSTRY.

((KRUTOV)) CONSTRUCTORS DO NOT EVEN USE WATER FROM THE CITY'S
 RIVER, AND I DO NOT MEAN FOR DRINKING -- FOR MIXING CEMENT. THE
 WATER IS SO BAD THAT THE CEMENT CRUMBLES. DALNEGORSK IS CALLED THE
 CHERNOBYL OF THE FAR EAST. ((VIDEO SHOWS MORE AERIAL SHOTS OF THE
 CITY, CUTS TO AN INTERVIEW WITH L. SPITSYN, MACHINIST AT THE 'BOR'
 INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION))

((SPITSYN)) THE PREDATORY LOOTING THAT WENT ON ALL OVER THE
 COUNTRY EXISTS HERE TOO. I MEAN THE MAIN THING WAS TO GRAB, NO
 MATTER HOW, WHAT, OR WHERE. GRABBING IS THE MAIN GOAL. THE ECONOMY
 SHOULD BE ECONOMICAL, SO LET US ECONOMIZE BY STARTING WITH THE

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ENVIRONMENT.

((KRUTOV)) YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING WINDMILLS. WHOM ARE YOU FIGHTING?

((SPITSYN)) I HOPE THAT TODAY, AFTER THE 19TH ((OF, AUGUST)), THE SITUATION WILL CHANGE SOMEHOW. BUT BEFORE THAT...WELL, AT THE TIME WHEN MY CANDIDACY FOR A DEPUTY WAS ADVANCED BY THE FACTORY, I THOUGHT THAT THE BAD GUYS WERE ALEKHIN, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION, OR SIDOROV, OR PETROV. BUT WHEN I SAW ALL OF THIS WITH MY OWN EYES, WHEN I SAW ALL THESE DOCUMENTS, THE REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE MADE, I REALIZED THAT NEITHER ALEKHIN, SIDOROV, OR PETROV WERE TO BLAME; THE SYSTEM WAS TO BLAME. WHAT IT DEMANDS IS BAD, SO IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO DO GOOD EITHER ECONOMICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY; IF YOU DO NOT DO THE BAD THING YOU WILL SIMPLY BE KICKED OUT, THE SYSTEM WILL REJECT YOU. ((VIDEO SHOWS RESIDENTS OF DALNEGORSK))

((KRUTOV)) IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN AND HOW THE SYSTEM WILL CHANGE, AND NO CHANGES ARE MEANWHILE VISIBLE. NO ONE WANTS TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY, GIVE UP THE STRIP MINING METHOD AND CONVERT TO UNDERGROUND MINING. MAYBE THIS IS THE REASON THAT THE RESIDENTS OF DALNEGORSK ARE WAITING FOR VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE, HOPING THAT THEY CAN HELP SOLVE THE TERRESTRIAL PROBLEMS. ((END RECORDING))

((ANNOUNCER)) AND HERE ARE A FEW NUMBERS -- UNTIL RECENTLY, NINE BILLION ROUBLES WERE INVESTED IN ECOLOGY, WHILE DAMAGE FROM THE BARBARIC TREATMENT OF NATURE AMOUNT TO 43 BILLION ROUBLES.

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