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Dear Dr. Shideler,

First of all I would like to thank you for your attention to the situation around me. My situation is difficult for understanding for a person who lives outside Russia, but since your wife perfectly knows our country, then, she might probably explain the details.

Our Institute for Metals Superplasticity Problems (IMSP) (the director and organizer of which I am from its foundation) takes leading positions in its subject area not only in Russia, but also in the world.

In the year 1987, USSR President, Michael S. Gorbachev issued a decree in which the permit was given to our Institute (among many other institutions and organizations) to participate in the international cooperation, in particular, with India. Later on, it has become clear that IMSP's developments are competitive, and scientific centers and institutions in Italy, USA, Germany, Japan and other western countries expressed interest to our works. Thus, we had very broad program of cooperation with General Electric Corporate Research and Development. The results of these cooperative efforts have been published in scientific articles, defended by patents, and are presented in the monograph that is now under publication by Futurepast: Inc.

Thus, the results of our scientific and practical activities can be found in the public sphere, and cannot be considered as state secret, moreover, IMSP always observed the laws of, first, USSR, and, then, Russian Federation.

Now, a few words about the situation in our country: first, the totalitarian system of the former USSR was destroyed, and we were given the possibility to work at the world market of high technologies. But, further, the negative processes started: some mob structures have come into being, and the Government has started to increase the role of Federal Security Service (former KGB) in the hope to strengthen the struggle with terrorism and mob structures. In reality there happened some really unprecedented thing – mob structures started to use KGB in their fight with competitors. Our institute has become the victim of such situation.

In the year 2003 KGB officers caught our customers – representatives of ASA Company from the Republic of Korea, and alleged that they supposedly received some unauthorized technology from IMSP (all information they received being within the limits of the book published by Futurepast). After that, for more than 2 years, they do not give IMSP the opportunity to work.

The following fact may serve as an illustration to what we came across with: taking the advantage of my absence (I was in the hospital) KGB officers illegally took the safe from my office. When I returned to my office I asked them to return the financial documents from the safe. It turned out to be that the bank bills belonging to IMSP disappeared. When I asked them to return these financial papers I was told that if I would pursue this issue they will "bury" me. Nevertheless, via Office of Public Prosecutor this issue was brought up, and it appeared that these bills were stolen by a KGB officer, and this officer was prosecuted. After that the activities of KGB officers against me became more active, and I was accused of revealing some State secrets, export of dual technologies, financial infringements etc.

In all normal countries security services are usually dealing with non-official institutions, while our Institute belongs to the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS). We applied to RAS with the request to analyze our contracts and to make their independent examination. Such work was performed, and we received the decision of a commission of experts that no unauthorized data for export was contained in the reports to our Contracts sent to our customers.

It seemed that the case should have been stopped, but KGB is KGB, and the KGB officers have made secret some of our works!!! They started interrogations of IMSP people trying to put pressure on them.

A charge was brought against me and I was not allowed to leave Ufa, that is why I had to cancel my trip to the United States to attend the TMS conference in San Francisco. That is some short information about the situation with me. Unfortunately, my case is not the only one of such kind in Russia. In the Russian Academy of Sciences there was created the commission that tries to protect scientists from such actions of KGB authorities. More about the situation with Russian scientists you can know from the article published (in Russian) in *Novaya Gazeta*. The author of the article is the academician Yu.A.Ryzhov, former ambassador of Russia in France. You can find this article in Internet: <http://2004.novayagazeta.ru/nomer/2004/88n/n88n-s22.shtml>

Yours sincerely,



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