An overview of all currently known Russian covert VHF FM radios is provided in Appendix 3.

Ataka
Country of origin: Russia

DATA SUMMARY

Organisation: Possibly МВД. (MVD, Ministry of Internal Affairs). Once source mentioned KGB.
Design/Manufacturer: Russia or probably Bulgaria.
Year of Introduction: Early 1980s.
Purpose: Covert surveillance operations and observations.
Transmitter-Receiver: No details known, probably VHF FM with two channels operating in the 148-150MHz band.
Power Supply: Rechargeable battery.
Size (cm): Height 11, Length 11, Width 4. *(An estimate!)*
Accessories: Combined speaker/microphone, 3 types of aerials, battery, leather carrying case.

REMARKS

Ataka (Bulgarian: Атака = Attack) was a miniature fully transistor-ised portable VHF FM transmitter-receiver. Though issued with a combined hand microphone/speaker, it could be carried and used in-conspicuously. Apart from a metal blade type aerial, a flexible wire or a wire aerial hidden in the leather strap of the carrying case could be used depending on the operational requirement. It is possible but not yet confirmed that a vibrator unit was fitted inside the Ataka.

The letters and numbers en-graved in the bottom were the serial number, and believed to be the organisation-group and channel numbers. See Appen-dix 3 for more details.

Bottom view of Ataka showing battery contacts and fixing arrangements. The set had a die-cast aluminium alloy frame.

Internal views of Ataka with top cover (above) and bottom cover (below) detached.

Strap aerial   Leather carrying case   Flexible wire aerial
Speaker/Micr.   Metal blade aerial   Ataka   Battery

Ataka in a leather carrying case with aerials and com-bined speaker-microphone. The latter had a channel switch, volume control with on/off switch, PTT button, and two tone buttons.

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