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J. Minker

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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
10/ /72	Letters to Ed.	Notices AMS	Vol 19, No. 6, October 1972. Support for Lerner - Letter sent to Academician Keldysh. The Case for Lerner prepared by Harold Kuhn.
01/04/74*	Levine	Minker	Minker will be responsible for scientists indentified as CS, EE and Math who specialize in computer tech. Leifman only one so identified. Reluctant to handle Lerner Brailovsky, and Gelman since they are in cybernetics and covered by other organizations. Minker taking action on Leifman. Enclosed a letter to Control Data Corporation (letter not found). Encloses letter to Amarel re IJCAI75 Asks what happened to Levine's call to Auerbach and Pomerantz call to Gotlieb (unkown context).
01/04/74*	Leifman	Minker	Asks for information about him and how we can best help.
01/05/74*	Friend	Minker	List to whom sent probably those who agreed to be on my committee. Discusses what is known about Leifman; CDC contract with USSR for joint computer development. Wants to tie agreement to human rights - asks for advice; Joint US/USSR Rsch Programs - includes Appl/Comps. to Mgt and Sci. and Tech. Info. Asks they inform CCS a. When group of Soviets visit, b. Where will visit, c. Hosts, d. Names and host names, e. When, where, who and what re visits to USSR; Network of Concerned CS - asks how to enlist others in CS.
01/05/74*	Amarel	Minker	Asks for ideas to counter announcement of IJCAI being held in Leningrad in Oct. 1973 SIGART newsletter.
01/22/74*	Organick	Minker	Thanks him for his support re Soviet scientists. Asks if he has spoken to McCarthy re Ershov visit.
01/22/74*	Weizenbaum	Minker	Received Weizenbaum 12 Jan. letter re Soviet scientists and to learn of his concern. Suggests Weizenbaum propose a panel session to discus US/USSR issues including CDC proposed deal and other issues. Suggests panelists: Oettinger, Galler, Ralston, Perlis. Proposes Lerner be an invited speaker at IJCAI. Suggests he not speak to Yershof re Leifman until we clarify his status.

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01/22/74*	Levine	Minker	Response to her 01/16/74 letter. OK to send Prof. Keldysh copy my letter to Leifman; will take responsibility for Lerner, Gelman, Brailovsky; asks for information on Lerner; confused as to ref. re Brailovsky and Gotlieb; sends Weizenbaum letter.
01/30/74*	Rosen	Minker	Told Ben am Vice Chair CCS responsible for Leifman whom he had brought to the attention of CCS. Asks Ben for info on Leifman and advice as to how to proceed with Leifman. JM assumes he can count on Rosen for support.
02/12/74*	Findler	Minker	Tells him JM is Vice Chair CCS asks for his support.
12/19/74*	Friend	Minker	Informs Friends (listed on letter) Lev Leifman has exit visa from USSR and is probably on way to Israel. Encloses letter to Ralston 02/26/06.
02/26/74	Ralston	Minker	Re Ralston letter in CACM Feb. 1974 on Sakharov. CCS applauds his views. Tho ACM 1969 member vote decisive that ACM not take action on political and social questions. Does not prevent ACM from being a forum for its members on vital issues having a technological component.
02/14/74*	Gotlieb	Minker	Sends him information on Lerner, Brailovsky, Galperin and Gelman and that Kelly will invite them to JCIT Conf. Asks for info on Soviet scientists he received from Mr. Mirsch.
03/13/74	M. Stein	Ruth Levine	Thanks for contribution to CCS
03/ /74			Announcement Int. Sem. Collective Phenom 07/1-5/74
04/10/74		Pollak and Pomerantz	Testimony submitted to Senate Finance Committee by CCS co-chairs in support of Jackson Freedom of Emigration legislation
04/10/74		CCS News Release	Publicity for Pollak/Pomerantz testimony
04/12/74		Callen/Stern	Suggestions presented to make int. sci, exchange consistent with basic goals sent to Science Mag.
05/14/74		NY Times	Article by Christopher Wren - Soviets to bar talks by Jewish scientists re July seminar. Newspaper Trud reported State Comm. Science and Tech, scientific arm of Soviet Council of Ministers, disowned seminar.
05/16/74	Ed Stern	Kelly Gotlieb	Sends abstract of paper-Collective Phenom 07/01/74.
05/23/74	C.C. Gotlieb	JM	Thanks for paper delivering at Collective Phenomena
05/24/74		Moscow Seminar	Scientists affirmed scientific purpose of Int. Sci. Sem. held in Moscow 7/1-5/74 - cited talks by world-famous scientists and Nobel Laureates.

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05/28/74	Friend	JM	Thanks for support and updates friends: Lev Leifman in Israel helped by Ben Rosen; JM letter to Ralston letter re Sakharov published in May 1974 CACM; C.C. Gotlieb to represent CCS at May 1974 seminar; Gotlieb invited some Soviet scientists to 2nd JCIT; encloses Why Leningrad SIGART letter
05/30/74	Earl Callen	Yudenfreund	Sheila Yudenfreund wrote at recommend of Arthur Halprin, U. Delaware, asking for help for Ovsei Gelman dismissed from his job after requesting exit visa.
06/01/74	JM	Gerhart	Interested in info re social implications CS and CCS
06/07/74	Gerhart	JM	Provides info and puts Susan Gerhart on mail list CCS
06/07/74	Bob Floyd	JM	Thanks him for support and letter to Fikes.
06/07/74	Judea Pearl	JM	Thanks IJCAI4 support-will write to those suggested
06/04/74	JM	J. Wexler	Supports JM IJCAI'75. JM letter did not reproduce
06/05/74	Congress	Jack Cohen	Testimony to Sub-Committee on Europe, House Foreign Affairs Comm. on "Detente - Scientific and Technological Relations." on behalf of CCS.
06/05/74	Congress .	Earl Callen	Testimony to Sub-Committee on Europe, House Foreign Affairs Comm. on "Detente - Scientific and Technological Relations." on behalf of CCS.
06/09/74	JM & RGM	Anne Raphael	Anne and Bert – real human rights problem in USSR 'We're hoping that the letter you wrote, plus Bert's, and maybe others, will reach the Russian top brass + make them realize that U.S. people really are concerned about such matters. This may give their academy of sciences some ammunition for requesting changes in policy – if so it may be a really useful discussion that you've started!'
06/09/74	JM	Bert Raphael	Open Letter to Prof Jack Minker also SIGART News
06/10/74	JM	Ruth Levine	Sends letter from Jonathan Wexler SUNY Buffalo, Math
06/11/74	Fikes	JM	Encloses letter to Raphael in response to his open letter to JM. Commends Fikes for outstanding SIGART News.
06/12/74	V. Kirillin	JM	Mailgram distressed at actions re 06/01 Moscow Int Sem and intimidation of Prof. Voronel. Will harm exchanges.
06/14/74	Ruth Levine	C.C. Gotlieb	Reply from Gelman re invite to Jerusalem Conf. on Info. Tech. Gelman sent telegram and letter (included), says, "It is a very moving statement." Encloses cable to Chair USSR Comm. Sci. & Tech. re not permitting Int. Sem. Collective Phenomena. Gelman letter 05/15/74. Pleased to be invited to conf. in Israel. Hopes his exodus will be a shorter time than 40 years. '... our family at first almost exterminated us during the II Great War and then the survivor by a miracle from awful holocaust have found each other it again is after us performing a new tragedy.' Is sure now guaranteed success. Deeply touched by Gotlieb enclosing four J.P. coupons. Fortunately not needed.

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06/19/74	JM	Amarel	Sorry he did not respond to JM letter 01/05/74 re IJCAI. JMc and Feigenbaum did not want meeting in USSR. Will try to speak to others on matter.
06/19/74	JM	Earl Callen	Sent Yudenfreund's letter which came 15 minutes before Earl was to leave to testify before the House Affairs Committee and read it into the Hearing Record. Asks JM publicize and send technical papers to Gelman.
06/21/74	JM	Peter Wegner	Does not support JM position came to conclusion by speaking to Vadim Kotov of Novosibirsk – makes it harder for liberals and intellectuals to express selves.
06/24/74	Amarel	JM	Pleased Amarel letter 06/19/74 wants to move IJCAI'75 JM notes support from several AIers to move conf, but needs support from other top AIers. Encloses Raphael letter and asks for suggestions to respond to Raphael.
06/24/74		JM	Notes re Fikes and Don Walker 25 +9 from UMD support JM position - includes list.
06/24/74	McCarthy	JM	Notes of phone conversation with McCarthy. JMc said Zohar Manna invited to Novosobisk and then refused a visa. JMcC suggested I might try for a more limited objective than to move the conference from the USSR. Does not believe foreign AIers will want to move conf. The only person who can move conf. is Sandewall and he needs better reasons. He thought it might be artificial to invite Lerner to conference. Believes the Israeli issue is clear. If organizations stick to their positions then Israels will be able to attend. JMcC discusses letters to colleagues in letter to Sandewall 06/25/74.
06/25/74	JM	McCarthy	Sends letter to Sandewall. JMc wants to assure all delegates, including Israelis can attend. Includes report from Stanford Daily re denial of Stanford geophysicist and Israeli citizen to attend int. sci. conf. in Russia. JMc includes colleagues letter suggesting how to meet obligations: 1. Sandewall receive letter from Keldysh guaranteeing all delegates admitted. 2. Monitor situation and if legit Israeli delegate refused 2 mos before conf, move to another European loc 3. Soviets informally agree that application 2 mos. before conf receive visa 1 mo. before conf. Proposes to communicate note informally to Soviets.
06/25/74	Ovsei Gelman	JM	Letter from Gotlieb U. Toronto and Yeudenfreund noted. JM to send tech papers and suggests he write paper for Tbilisi conf.
06/27/74	JM	Jerry Feldman	Sends one-page vitae of Fernando Flores Labra and a letter from Stafford Beers (11/8/73) aimed at winning Flores's release from prison.

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06/27/74		JM	Notes on conversation with Ruth Levine and Pat Winston. Winston was violently against conference site. He believes Soviet scientists caught in middle. Soviets responsible for reviewing Soviet papers.
06/27/74	Sandewall	JM	JM sends letter to SIGART re IJCAI4. Apologizes for not sending it sooner. JM to attend IFIP Cong. summer '74.
06/29/74		Wash. Post	Robert Kaiser reports Sakharov calls hunger strike to protest treatment of political prisoners. Levich told can emigrate. Vitali Rubin seized by Soviets.
07/01/74	McCarthy	JM	Spoke to him 06/24 re IJCAI'75. Doubts JM's plan for back-up site. Includes SIGART letter to Fikes.
07/??/74		Science	V. 185 p238 Report Nixon visit, Sakharov hunger strike, Voronel arrest + other seminar leaders. Levich to be released.
07/01/74		Wash. Post	Soviets bar scientific meeting in May - arrest 3 at Voronel's apartment-Voronel arrested previous month.
07/02/74	JM	Ruth Levine	Info for reply to Raphael. Include 1. List of cyberneticists refused exit visas. 2. Memo re changing site of the Cong. of Orientalists from Moscow to Mexico City because of the treatment of Vitaly Rubin in USSR. 3. Copies of selected letters re questionnaire US/USSR sci. tech exchanges indicating problems. 4. Details of Int. Sci. Seminar. 5. Some doc. of Amer. sci. re Soviet political control of science and scientists. Provides backup material. All contained in an envelope including Earl Callen article in Atlantic Monthly on Moscow Seminar Collective Phenomena he attended.
07/02/74		Wash. Post	Joseph Kraft writes on eve of Sakharov hunger strike Russians need economic help. In return U.S. should ask for human rights concessions.
07/02/74		NY Times	Christopher Wren reports Soviets thwart 5 day seminar supported by 8 U.S. and British Nobel Laureates. 3 who were to attend were taken away.
7/03/74		Wash. Post	Article stating that Soviets pulled the plug on news emanating from USSR re hunger strike by Sakharov to free political prisoners.
7/05/74		Science	Article "Soviet Seminar Visas Denied; Moscow Organizers Arrested."

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7/08/74		Ruth Levine	Material re International Seminar "that never was." Eminent scientists warn Nixon & Kissinger of danger to scientific cooperation because of imprisonment of International Sci. Sem. organizers: Voronel Azbel, Brailovsky, Lerner, Lunts, Ram, Agursky and Rubin. Scientists meet Act. Sec. State Sisco; key Senators; Wires from wives of Azbel, Brailovsky, Voronel; Voronel telegram; 7/02/74 article in NY Times p. 3, Moscow Jews' Seminar Thwarted by the Secret Police.
07/09/74	JM	Erik Sandewall	Invites JM to Open House at Uppsala in conjunction IFIP Congress. Includes Statement concerning the reviewing procedure for IJCAI-75--all papers reviewed by international review board.; Comments on Minker and Raphael letters
07/??/74	Undated Notes	JM	Notes conversation with Franz Misch, Office Soviet Union Affairs, State Department re Rafael's claim that U.S. holds up USSR scientists from coming to U.S. and notes re response to Rafael.
07/10/74	JM	Bernie Galler	Note enclosing letter from E.H. Rothe re P. Millman Soviet emigree denied ability to publish when he requested emigration visa.
07/11/74	Bert Raphael	JM	Open Letter to Bert Raphael in SIGART News
07/11/04		NY Times	Article re committee to back detente in contrast to views by Sen. Henry Jackson. John Kenneth Galbraith and Jerome Wiesner on committee do not want detente to be a political issue.
07/11/74	Jerry Feldman	JM	JM wrote Ruth Levine re Fernando Flores and other Chilean scientists, brought to JM's attention by Feldman. Pleased with support from Feldman's AI Lab for position re IJCAI75.
07/11/74	B. Shneiderman	Ruth Levine	Re Ben's mother's request sends info on CCS. Interested in Lerner.
07/12/74	JM	Saul Amarel	Likes JM response to Raphael. Raises other issues re IJCAI75--doesn't maximize attendance. Suggests Int. AI Council discuss issue.
07/12/74		Washington Post	Soviet psychiatrists want US psychiatrists to deny Soviets have incarcerated dissidents in mental institutes.
07/16/74	Joe Traub	Bernie Galler	Encloses 4 documents re treatment of scientists in USSR
7/17/74	JM	Ruth Levine	Asks for more information about Flores - will place his case before Executive Board.
7/30/74	Jerry Feldman	JM	Attaches letter from Ruth Levine re Flores.

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08/??/74		SIGART News No. 47	p4–p9. Letters: JM WHY LENINGRAD?; lists supporters; Bob Floyd (supports JM); Open letter to Prof Jack Minker by Bert Raphael; Comment on Minker and Raphael letters by Erik Sandewall; Open letter to Dr. Bert Raphael by JM; Postscript by Bert Raphael (agrees with JM basic principles), still supports going to USSR; Letter to Editor by John McCarthy; Letter to Editor by Nicholas Findler
08/28/74	Ralston/Galler	JM	Sends SIGART News items in 08/??/74 issue
9/03/74	Benjamin Levich	H. Laster (Chair)	Invites Levich for year at UMD in Physics.
09/04/74	Ovsei Gelman	JM	P.O. return receipt 07/01/74 JM letter received 09/04/74
09/04/74	JM	Shneiderman	Interested in Lerner case and asks how to help.
09/06/74	Colleagues	Ruth Levine	Concern about Vitaly Rubin arrested and ill. Includes articles of 09/04/74 and 09/05/74 by Christopher Wren in NY Times
9/09/74	R. Levine	JM	Sends relevant parts of SIGART News re issue raised by JM for IJCAI75. Informs her V. Brailovsky listed as session Chair for Inter. Fed. of Inf. Proc. Soc. in Stockholm due to Prof. Goblick and Prof. Herb Freeman of NYU.
09/10/74	Shneiderman	JM	Discusses IJCAI75 status, glad he wants to help.
09/10/74	McCarthy	Zohar Manna	Israeli Foreign Ministry knows of no cases where Israeli scientists unable to get USSR visa. Apply 2 months ahead.
09/12/74	Raphael	Shneiderman	Disturbed by Raphael SIGART letter to JM.
09/12/74	JM	Shneiderman	Likes JM Aug. '74 SIGART article. Offers help.
09/12/74	JM	Ovsei Gelman	Responds to JM letter 06/25/74. Provides bio data and description of scientific interests. Sends regards to Yudenfreund and Gotlieb. To write separately re IJCAI'75.
09/13/74	Deborah Shapley	JM	Discusses IJCAI'75 and directs readers of SCIENCE to SIGART News
09/17/74	Bruce Buchanan	Ralston	Discusses IJCAI'75 and letters from Raphael and Sandewall. Hopes IJCAI'75 moves from USSR or scientists boycott.
09/17/74	Alan C. Nixon	Ralston	Wants matter of scientific meetings held in USSR discussed at 10/09/74 meeting of Comm. meeting. Suggests steps to be taken by Scientific Soc. Pres.

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09/17/74	JM	Ralston	Sends letters to Buchanan and Nixon and asks for JM's comments.
09/18/74	JM	Shneiderman	Wrote to Raphael and will continue his activities.
09/19/74	JM	Ruth Levine	Will write to Gotlieb and Freeman as JM suggested. Wants to convene a group at Nov. CCS Annual mtg. to discuss IJCAI '75 strategy
09/19/74	Galler	Ralston	Sends letter to SIGART. Bernie says it is up to AI people now.
09/19/74	Buchanan	George Baylor	Dept. Psych, Univ. of Montreal - supports JM.
09/26/74	Ruth Levine	JM	Agrees with idea to invite people to CCS meeting -discuss IJCAI'75. Suggests individuals to invite. Sent SIGART correspondence to Sen. Jackson, SCIENCE and Bernard Gewertzman, NY Times.
09/26/74	Ralston	JM	Ralston's letters to CSSP and SIGART beautiful! Suggests as a next step broadening scope of organizations for human rights and going public.
09/26/74		Jewish Week	The plight of Jewish scientists and technicians who are refused permission on security grounds to emigrate from the USSR is discussed in appeal from 15 Moscow Jews. Appeal of 09/09/74 for US public and Sen. Henry M. Jackson. Contains names of signees and various cases.
09/30/74	Kelly Gotlieb	Ruth Levine	Thanks him for getting Brailovsky listed session Chair at IFIPS in Stockholm. Says JM IJCAI'75 initiative is important and precedent setting.
10/03/74		SIGART News	Issue 48 Oct'74 includes statement by editor L. Earnest that he was on committee that approved location, but voted for another site. Does not believe subsequent discussion brings . new facts and does not foresee change in location. Sandewall statement re review policy for papers and Ralston letter in newsletter.
10/07/74	JM	Ruth Levine	Stepping down as Exec Director - Lilli Chertoff replacement Nov. meeting moved to Dec. 1. Pleased JM sent IJCAI'75 correspondence to Gwertzman. Will be fantastic if could organize IJCAI'75 panel session. Says, "It has been very gratifying working with you."

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10/17/74	CCS Exec Comm	Lilli Chertoff	Announces Ruth Levine stepped down - is Exec Director as of 10/01/74. Sends Christopher Wren Oct. 13 NY Times article and CCS response.
10/21/74		CCS Release	Statement re C. Wren NY Times article 11/13/74.
10/21/74		Lilli Chertoff	Chertoff takes over as Exec Director Oct. 1, '74 Sends News Release-Pollack/Pomerantz statement on Jackson Ammendment to Trade Reform Act.
??/??/74			Handwritten list UUSR Cyberneticists-no source.
10/26/74	JM	Ovsei Gelman	Says JM can find appropriate decision re role at IJCAI'75, refers JM to 1973 Nature v. 245 Oct. 19 p. 397. His father's name was Yankel, which was rare. Includes return receipt request,
11/04/74	CCS Exec Board	Pollak/Pomeerantz	Announces meeting 12/01/74. Does not include IJCAI'75
11/08/74	Lerner	JM	First JM correspondence with Lerner - delivered by Congmen Fish/Burton. Informs him of IJCAI4 Asks if could submit paper or be on a panel re cybernetics/AI. Panel not assured. Suggests Brailovsky too. Need answer 12/15/74. Lerner response 12/05/74.
11/11/74	JM	Galler	Agrees Ralston letters re IJCAI'75 are excellent. Hard to undo conference. Would sign a CACM statement.
11/14/74			Agenda for 12/1/74 CCS Annual Meeting.
11/18/74	Lilli Chertoff	JM	Attended SIGART business meeting 11/11/74 voted following resolution. "for a variety of reasons--logistic, scientific, and political, we find the location of the Soviet Union for IJCAI4 unsatisfactory and ill considered. We wish to ask for a referencdum of SIGART members on this issue to be carried out by mail at the earliest time." (31 for, 0 against, 1 abstain). Not sure will succeed. Feigenbaum to serve on panel with Lerner at IJCAI'75 if he goes.
11/??/74	SIGART Members	Shneiderman	Report-11/11/74 SIGART San Diego business mtg
11/22/74	JM	Findler	Sends R. Sheinmann letter, who emigrated and looking for job. Findler's univ. cannot hire him.
11/27/74	Edith Myers	JM	Reporter Datamation Magazine, writing article re IJCAI'75. Sent Sept and Oct issues SIGART, vitae and photo.

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12/02/74	Alan Nixon	Ralston	Discussion with Jean Sammet of 10/09/75 CSSP meeting, they would like statement re confs. not to single out USSR. Ralston sends statement. Asks Nixon to disseminate his 09/19/74 letter to Nixon to CSSP members. Can't attend 01/06/75 meeting will be out of country.
12/03/74	CCS Vice-Chairs	Earl Callen	Asks publicize Moscow Sem Collective phenomena.
12/05/74	JM	Lerner	Responds to 11/08/74 letter. Agrees to be part of panel. Would discuss Active Systems. Agrees Brailovsky on panel or at conference is useful. Suggest Pjatatesky-Shapiro and Adelson-Velsky participate in conference.
12/15/74	JM	Eli Passow	Dept. Math, Temple Univ. Reports discouraging news from Ovsei Gelman. His latest request to emigrate will likely be turned down. Wants JM to put pressure on Gelman's former director. Group in Philadelphia interested in Gelman's case. Asks for advice.
12/23/74	Estell Ashenberg	Chertoff	Sends ad of Nobel Laureates and Academicians who will not cooperate with UNESCO because of discrimination against Israel by voting to exclude Israel from membership in European group.
12/27/74	JM	Ralston	Discusses Jean Sammet's response to his request for a motion for CSSP to make a statement re conferences. Sammet is negative. Thinks US has not behaved well to Soviet and Chinese scientists. Ralston response is that is not a reason to be against motion.
12/31/74	Exec Board	Chertoff	Material on Levich and Dr. Micahel Stern
12/??/74	CCS	Lerner	Telex from Lerner giving short vita and info re Sonya