

INDEX TO FOLDER Committee on Computers and Public Policy
(CCPP)

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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
12/28/78	JM	Larry Cox	Amnesty International response to JM request for info on comp scientists whose HR violated. Willing to help but do not keep information on occupation.
01/11/79	V. Turchin	JM	Likes idea to keep HR list. Sent JM letter to Cronid Lubarsky (address enclosed) requesting him to send JM a list.
04/12/79	Paul Armer	JM	Sent material from Lubarsky (material not in file)
04/12/79	C. Lubarsky	JM	Thanks him for information on persecuted CS individuals and info on Kilov.
07/16/79	McCracken	P. Szolovitz	Asks for advice on the case of Egbert Lehmann who wants to leave E. Germany for W. Germany to be with his and his wife's family. Lists problems Lehmann has had.
08/27/79	JM	Ashenhurst	Received JM human rights report CCPP, refers it to ACM Exec Committee - already on agenda for August 29, 1979 meeting. Refers to requests for publicity in CACM by Prestin and Volvosky and does not know what should be published. Also refers to Peter Lykos Forum letter not in support of ACM involvement in these issues.
10/01/79	ACM Council	P. Denning	Memo on "A Possible Policy on Nontechnical External Activities (NEAs)". Argues that past Council actions have not been consistent (e.g. Lykos analysis in ACM/Forum 6/79; scientific freedom principle, not having confs in "non-ERA states", proposes 1. ACM may engage in NEA if two-thirds of whole Council approves; 2. specific pub by rep of ACM by 2/3 of Council or 4 of 6 members (Pres., VP, Secy, Past Pres., Treas, and External Act. Board Chair); 3. If disagreement whether activity in NEA, proposes method to resolve; 4. Enabling Resolution may delegate responsibilities, must meet provision 2. Includes Lykos Forum letter in CACM, v. 22, No. 6, p. 385, 6/79, ACM Resolution on Scientific Freedom of 02/24/78 and Ralston letter to McCracken proposing standing comm. on SFHR.
10/03/79	Joan Dale	P. Parks	Wants to publicize Lerner's case - publicity letter included. Dale asks JM to help with publicity.
10/08/79	CCPP	Paul Armer	Announces CCPP meeting on Oct. 30 at 10:30am at ACM '79
10/12/79	McCracken	Tony Hearn	Letter re Egbert Lehmann. Believes ACM should support his case for human rights

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10/19/79	CCPP	Armer/King	King was VC of CCPP. Memo "Redirection and Stabilization of Committee and Its Activities" States CCPP in existance since 1974 Inactive until mid 1978 when the scientific freedom was concluded with resolution by ACM Council. Role of CCPP: advocacy and research group for ACM Council. Propose stable membership group and responsibilites of members. Wants to publish in the CACM "A Problem-list of Issues That Constitute Information Policy." Want to have Jack Minker's sub-committee report on Human Rights adopted at Detroit mtg 10/30/79. Includes JM preface report

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10/30/79	JM	M. Firdman	Discusses son, Henry Firdman, asks help from JM
11/05/79	Kling/Ralston	JM	Became members of JM subcomm. at suggestion of Paul Armer who held up report – entire CCPP had not seen it. At October 30, 1979 CCPP meeting in Detroit, suggested report be updated, revised, committee expanded to 3, and submitted to <u>all</u> members for mail vote. Sent report and requested approval and comments by Dec. 1, 1979 to Kling and Ralston.
11/05/79	Brent Kornman	McCracken	Response to Kornman letter. Kornman wanted letter published in CACM about human rights. He apparently was pro HR and complained about ACM. McCracken explained Kornman's comments didn't reflect actions. Requested Kornman withdraw letter. Note attached from McCracken to JM says he tried to phone JM re JM's phone to him. Handwritten letter by JM on envelope states JM called re Ashenurst refusal to publish HR report, but everything now OK.
11/09/79	McCracken	JM	Agrees with DM letter to Kornman. Phone call re Ashenhurst letter. Ralston and Kling to review JM report. CCPP to vote on report. Assuming approval, Ashenhurst to publish it.
11/10/79	JM	Ralston	Approves JM HR report - provides comments/info on report
11/13/79	JM	Ralston	Material from Dov Chevion of Israel about Vladimir Prestin
11/15/79	JM	M. Firdman	Henry Firdman's mother thanks JM for books/conf proceedings sending to him. Provides info on Henry and family includes vitae for Henry.
11/16/79	CCS Board	Hirsch	Relates Martin Kruskal (PrincetonU) meet with Academician Anatoly Logunov, Rector MSU on 9/18/79. Includes statement by Kruskal. Logunov had received Kruskal letter re Irina Brailovsky in which Logunov says, "... he had informed the Ministry of Education, under whose jurisdiction the University comes, that the University had no objection to her emigration, and that was all he was able to do." When pressed by Kruskal, Logunov said requests were made orally.
11/21/79	JM	Hirsch	Note and letter from Bert Raphael re Henry Firdman; letter from Mina Firdman to Raphael asking for help re Henry; letter from Henry to Raphael - summarizes status re exit visa

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11/29/79	JM	Galler	Attaches letter from Dr. Howard Shevrin who met Isai Goldstein in Tbilisi, discusses his problem in a letter to Galler 11/13/79 and proposes Goldstein be invited to visit universities. Galler asks CCS to help. JM letters to Raphael and Sklansky dated 12/7/79 included. JM skeptical that an invitation will help.
11/30/79	JM	Kling	Approves report and believes it should be published in CACM
01/02/80	JM	Ralston	Note re CSFHR and memo to John Tartar (01/02/80) re "Establishment of a Standing CSFHR." States that Paul Armer and Jack Minker agree with him. Attaches Charge to Comm. on HR of AMS; Resolution of HR Comm. passed by SIAM Council 10/29/76; Material from APS re HR; Letter from JM of 01/18/80 endorsing proposal; letter from JM to McCracken re his excellent January 1980 CACM President msg.

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/ /78		Brookings	Brookings Inst. document "Economic Relations between east west: prospects and problems," tripartite report by fifteen experts from the European Commun., Japan, North America
12/07/78	V. Turchin	JM	Heard Turchin speak on human rights. Specifies CCPP wants to maintain list of names of CS individuals whose human rights allegedly violated and asks if he can supply names
12/07/78	Amnesty I.	JM	Asks assistance with names of CS individuals HR violated.
12/07/78	M. Mellman	JM	Same letter as to Amnesty Intl
01/04/79	Armer	JM	Sends part of a report by Brookings Institute on dealing with East-West technology transfer and computers.
01/04/79	Boris Katz	JM	Pleased that his family left USSR. Asks for names of CS individuals whose HR were violated
01/18/79	JM	Ira Pohl	Will not attend USSR CS meetings because of Sharansky.
05/25/79	CCPP	Paul Armer	Announces CCPP committee Meeting at NCC
03/05/79	Paul Armer	John King	Vice-Chair's letter attached to 05/25/79 Armer letter Lists issues to be discussed: 1. Advisory Group to ACM Council; 2. Research Group for Council; 3. Advocacy Group for particular issues
05/13/75		ACM Pol/Proc	3 pages specifying ACM Council statement on CCPP
06/??/79		CCS	Info on Leonard Volvosky of USSR - denied exit visa
06/21/79	JM	Hirsch	Letter re info on Volvosky and requests publicity on him
07/16/79	Ashenhurst	Ralston	Asks Ashenhurst if he favors publishing Volvosky's appeal. Note by Paul (Armer) on letter states: Minker's report does better job
07/25/79	McCracken	Ralston	Suggests forming a standing committee on human rights. Would implement Council scientific freedom resolution of previous year. Note on letter to Ralston from Armer states he agrees and that JM is doing something on this as chair of a subcomm. on human rights for the CCPP.
08/06/79	JM	Ralston	Impressed with JM's report and agrees it is better than Volvosky's appeal. Asks for advice re Kilov who he noted was in JM's report. Encloses Kilov letter.

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05/07/79	Tony Ralston	Haim Kilov	Agrees with Ralston's approach and refers him to a Gerhard Steidl in Germany.
08/20/79	Tony Ralston	JM	Believes should write directly to Kilov as it will help.
??/??/??		CCS	Information on Vladimir Prestin
07/12/79	Ruth Newman	JM	Asks her to review JM document on CS human rights J
07/09/79	Armer	JM	Encloses report on CS HR violated and asks approval to submit to CACM. Encloses letter to bes sent to scientific attaches of Argentina and the USSR.
07/12/79	Hirsch/Levine	JM	Sends copy of JM report on HR - requests comments.
07/29/79	JM	Henry Fridman	Appreciates JM's support and requests books
08/01/79	Bob Ashenhurst	JM	Encloses report approved by Armer for pub. in CACM.
08/01/79	Emb Argentina	JM	Asks for response to JM report to appear in CACM.
08/01/79	Embassy USSR	JM	Asks for response to JM report to appear in CACM.
08/25/79	Peter Szolovitz	Dan McCracken	McCracken supports membership for Egbert Lehmann (East Germany) but ACM cannot take up all cases.
08/25/79	B. Sklarz	Dan McCracken	Responds to Sklar request to Ashenhurst for Vladimir Prestin. States ACM cannot take on all cases.
07/09/79	Bob Ashenhurst	B. Sklarz	Requests publicity on Vladimr Prestin in CACM
09/14/79	Sy Marchand	JM	Send Logic and Data Base book to Henry Firdman
10/01/79	Dan McCracken	Tony Ralston	First to propose Standing Comm. on Human Rights.
10/07/79	Chuck Rieger	Eric (or Henry)	Informs Rieger his request for exit visa turned down. Letter from Henry Firdman (but last name omitted).
10/12/79	Peter Szolovitz	JM	Lists citation for Egbert Lehmann in HR report and and asks for additional information on him if known.
10/23/79	Henry Firdman	Nils Nilsson	Acknowledges receipt of 10/07/79 letter but not letter sent 9 months earlier. Will try to help him and will contact his friend Jack minker of the CCS.

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11/01/79	Nils Nilsson	JM	Thanks him for letter to Henry Fridman. Informs him of JM's Human Rights report for CACM.
11/29/79	CCPP Exec Comm	Tony Ralston	Establishment of ACM standing comm. on SFHR Includes proposal for Council. Although Armer and Minker did not see proposal, they support such a proposal came about through initiative by Ralston in letter to Mccracken 10/01/79. Proposal responds to 11/01/79 discussion by Council.
11/30/79	Paul Armer	JM	Reports that Rob Kling and Ralston reviewed the JM HR report and made suggestions. Enclosed 1. Draft letter Armer 11/05/09; 2. Ballott 11/05/79 to CCPP on approval of report; 3. Preface to report and report; 4. Report recommends JM sign report.
1 No Date	Embassies	JM	Letter to be sent to countries whose citizens on list. CCPP report attached with letter. Report says CCPP requested JM develop report at the 1978 National ACM Conference.

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01/04/80	Ben Shneiderman	Boris Schein	Discusses case of Haim Kilov.
01/08/80	JM	Tony Ralston	Memo asks for comments re proposed CSFHR. Discussion with Leo Young, President IEEE.
01/02/80	John Tartar	Tony Ralston	Discusses proposed CSFHR with Tartar.
01/07/80	Dan McCracken	JM	Likes Dan's 01/80 CACM Pres. Letter and asks for info on Vaclav Benda for JM's HR report.
01/18/80	Tony Ralston	JM	Endorses Standing Comm. for Sci. Freedom and HR.
02/27/80	Haim Kilov	Dan McCracken	Tells Kilov of ACM Pres. letter in CACM on his case.
03/19/80	Tony Ralston	Dan McCracken	Ralston appointed first chair of CSFHR.
03/20/80	Tony Ralston	JM	Minker accepts Ralston's invitation to be vice chair of CSFHR - specifies initial activities: 1. Maintain list of scientists with HR problems; 2. Write letters to individuals on list for updating; 3. Write letters to governments on list; 4. Review international confs supported by ACM to assure meet ICSU standards. Items should be discussed by the CSFHR.
04/09/80	CSFHR	Tony Ralston	Proposed procedures for timely release of Public Statements. Includes Exec Comm procedures of 06/08/78.
04/10/80	CSFHR	Tony Ralston	Getting Started with CSFHR - responsibilities and authorities. Lists membership and CSFHR Charter.
04/24/80	Tony Ralston	Peter Denning	Doesn't agree to delegate authority to JM to write letters on behalf of committee. Prerogative of chair. Doesn't approve CSFHR involvement for non computer persons.