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June 29, 2006

DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
01/??/77		CCS	Material on Vladimir Prestin, computer technology specialist.
01/04/77	Minker	Galler	Peter Lykos sent information on Fourth International Conference on Computers and Chemical Research and Education to be held in Novosobirsk, USSR summer of 1978. Galler suggests Minker ask Lykos whether conditions in ACM resolution are being satisfied. Suggests Minker tell Lykos Galler wrote to him.
01/19/77	Lykos	Minker	As Galler suggested asked whether or not conditions in ACM resolution concerning international conferences is being satisfied. Letter by Minker published in SIGART Newsletter No. 55, 1975 enclosed. Asks to be kept informed of progress of the conference.
01/20/77	Alexsandrov	Minker	Draft of cable to Pres. Soviet Academy of Science.
01/20/77	Lerner Comm	Minker	Draft letter thanking individuals for agreeing to be members. Attaches Draft letter to Alexsandrov.
01/21/77	Ralston	Minker	Ralston agrees to be honorary member of Lerner. Comm. Draft letter to Academician Head of Soviet Acad. Sciences. Lists Honorary Members: Estrin, Galler, Gotlieb, Grosch, Kuhn, McCarthy, Minker, Ralston, Rosen, Weizenbaum.
01/27/77	Rosen	Minker	Ben Rosen agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.
01/27/77	Weizenbaum	Minker	Weizenbaum agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.
01/27/77	Gotlieb	Minker	Gotlieb agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.
01/27/77	Grosch	Minker	Grosch agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.
01/27/77	Kuhn	Minker	Kuhn agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.
01/27/77	Galler	Minker	Galler agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.
01/27/77	McCarthy	Minker	McCarthy agreed to be honorary member Lerner Comm.

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01/??/77			Lists Soviet Officials in USSR, Israeli agencies in Washington, DC area, and useful addresses. Compiled by Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.
01/28/77	Minker	Lykos	"The series of international conferences on computers in chemistry research and education does not have a 'home' in any professional organization ...". Saw Minker SIGART Newsletter No. 55. Asks for information about the CCS.
02/10/77	Lykos	Minker	Thanks him for prompt response. Asks Mellman to send Lykos information on CCS and lists several Nobel Laureate members (Lederberg and Anfinsen). Asks Minker be informed if ACM is requested to sponsor chemical conference.
03/05/77		Lipavskiiy	Open Letter of S.L. Lipavsky To Supreme Soviet. Translation of Russian statement published in Izvestia. Lipavskiiy was candidate medical sciences and was medical doctor to many refuseniks. The '... open letter is to open the eyes of those who are still deluded, who are being deceived by western propaganda that shouts from the rooftops about the prosecution of "dissidents" in the USSR and which balloons the so-called question of human rights.' He denounces Azbel, Lerner, and Rubin. Accuses them of being closely connected with members of embassies and correspondents such as Joseph Presel, Peter Osnos, and Alfred Friendly. Foreign emissaries of anti-Soviet centers, Schmukler, Noom and Manikowsky made recommendations to the group. Says, Lerner "... instructed Sharansky and others to organize the collection of information" about the sale of American equipment to the USSR. (Attached to 03/35/77 Minker Lerner Comm. letter)
03/25/77	Lerner Comm.	Minker	Copy of cable sent to Alexandrov, Pres. Soviet Acad. of Science. Update on Lerner. Attaches 03/05/75 article in Izvestia by S.L. Lipavskiiy, who claimed Lerner and others were agents of the CIA. Suggests actions: letter signed by attendees of 5th IJCAI 77 in Boston and letter to participants of 4th IJCAI reviewing Lerner's case. Lerner agrees with actions.
04/04/77	Aleksandrov	Minker	Cable sent to Pres. Soviet Acad. of Sci. and letter on Lerner Committee stationary.
04/04/77	World Leaders	Minker	Letter to Aleksandrov of 04/04/77 and cover letter sent to: Sec. General Kurt Waldheim, Senator C. McC Mathias, Jr., Pres. Jimmy Carter, Sec. of State Cyrus Vance, Ambassador Anatoly Dobrinin, Amb. Oleg A. Troyanovsky, Rep. Newton Steers, Jr. Philip Handler, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Ambassador Andrew Young,

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04/04/77	Minker	Galler	Agrees with Minker suggested actions. Lipavskiy letter interesting. Strange statements in paragraph 6 page A 10.
04/12/77	Minker	Winston	Not going to Machine Intelligence 9 Conference because of Lerner affair. Written to Soviets and told them so.
04/12/77		Minker	Outline of talk on IJCAI 4. Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr. delivered the Minker letter to Lerner in November 1974 asking him if he wanted to be a member of a panel. Cong. Philip Burton also mentioned. Provides lessons learned. Date of outline not included—probably early 1977.
04/12/77	Mellman	Minker	Encloses AI Journal for Lerner and asks that he sends journal and an enclosed letter (letter missing from file).
04/17/77		Moscow Seminar	Agenda and Abstracts-Collective Phenomena 04/17-20/77
04/21/77		Nature	Comprehensive article by Vera Rich, Vol 266, 5th Moscow Seminar on Collective Phenomena was partial triumph.
04/22/77		NY Times	Chris Wren article on Moscow Science Seminar convened Unofficially with Little Interference. George Wald, Harvard and Robert Goldberg, NIH turned back in Leningrad.
04/27/77		Pitt Post Gaz.	Soviets Detain CMU Professor 5 Hours - James Langer (CMU) and Bertrand Halperin (Harvard) detained before permitted to attend Moscow Seminar. Threatend that if they attended the Seminar they would be kicked out. They attended the seminar without problems.
04/28/77		Lydia Dotto	Article in The Globe and Mail (Toronto) re Eric Fawcett of U. Toronto who smuggled out papers for Mark Azbel.
04/29/77		NY Times	Notes on People-Eric Fawcett smuggled out Azbel papers.
05/01/77	Mellman	Alan Curtis	Writing at suggestion of Michael Yudin re Scharansky. Reviews Scharansky credentials as a Master chess player and trying to gain support from chess masters to helpat Scharansky. Curtis at Oxford University(?). (Attached to Mellman letter 05/06/77)
05/02/77		Newsweek	Article by Fred Coleman on mixed results of April Seminar at Azbel residence. Says Soviet agent spoke to Azbel and told seminar would be permitted. Sakharov attended - Wald and Goldberg denied entry in Leningrad.
05/04/77	CCS Board	Mellman	Action requested for Scharansky, Begun and Orlov who were then in jail facing trial. Discusses each case asks for letters to Aleksandrov (Pres. Acad. Sci.) and Rudenko (Procurator Gen.)
05/04/77	Math	Gerald Porter	Vice-Chair CCS urges support for Begun, a mathematician who will be tried May 6 on “having led a parasitic life.” Worked as a tutor but authorities refused to register him. Faces 3 years in Soviet labor camp.
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05/??/77		CCS	Profile on Joseph Begun.
05/??/77			End Material attached to 04/17/77 - Moscow Seminar
05/04/77	Exec Board	Mellman	Reviews 5th Moscow Seminar on Collective phenomena – considers it a success.
05/05/77	Lerner Comm.	Minker	Information on Lerner: 1. No letter received from Aleksandrov to Comm. telegram. 2. Nice personal note from Andrew Young, Representative to UN (04/14/77). 3. Distinguished AI member refused to attend Leningrad MI 9 Workshop because of Lerner. 4. Lerner and wife ill and in Odessa for rest. Attaches Bulletin No. 107, 03/15/77 Scientific Comm Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry. 5. Draft letter attached expresses concern for Lerner in view of attacks on him.
05/05/77		Minker	Draft Letter to Alexandrov re Lerner. Phone call from Mark Mellman to Minker 4/26/77 reports Tass stated Shcharansky in jail and Tass repeated statements that Shcharansky had collected and forwarded information and was portrayed as Lerner's agent. Phone call from Irene Manekofsky 04/25/77. Lerner's are ill. People demanded Lerner clique a traitor. Lerner apt. constantly searched.
05/06/77	Minker	Mellman	Spoke to Monty Newborn re support for Shcharansky from chess experts. Attaches letter to Newborn which has information on chess experts and a statement on Scharansky's situation given to Eric Fawcett of University of Toronto by Azbel in his apartment on 04/21/77. Reports on a Soviet statement by Sergei Bulantsev which states it was already reported by the Soviet press that Scharansky received an assignment from one Lerner to organize the collection of information about Soviet defense institutions and enterprises and to send such information abroad. The question of giving the assistance CIA agents need in obtaining classified information on technical-scientific and military themes and political questions has always been on the agenda of the group of which Scharansky was a member. Letter from Alan Curtis 05/01/77 included here.
05/13/77	Mondale	Rosen	Letter to Vice President expressing concern about Lerner. Rosen, in note to Minker on letter agrees with Minker letter of 05/06/77.
05/17/77	Korey	Galler	William Korey is on the B'nai Brith International Council. Sends him information on Lerner and Lerner Committee.

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05/20/77	Alexandrov	Minker	Wrote for Lerner Committee to USSR Acad. Sci. Said Lerner apartment searched and campaign to portray Lerner as "traitor" and rumors are malicious. "Scientists throughout the world will raise in protest should any harm befall Dr. Lerner."
05/20/77	Markov	Rosenfeld	Nikolai Markov is Deputy Rector for International Scientific Relations Novosibirsk State University re Markov's request for Rosenfeld to speak to Maryland President Elkins re letter by Wald of 05/20/76 interfering in Soviet internal affairs. Rosenfeld stated, "As you know, many prominent scientists in the U.S.A., both at our University and elsewhere, feel strongly about the principle of free migration of scientists, in accordance with resolutions to which the USSR has subscribed. Some departments at our University has adopted an official position on this issue, but others have not. It might be more effective if you communicated your feelings on this matter directly to the President of our University, Dr. Wilson H. Elkins."
05/20/77	Minker	Cong. Scheuer	Note from M. Mendelsohn enclosing copy of Cong. Scheuer's remarks to Congress re Lerner on 05/18/77. He had visited Lerner 5 years earlier and while at dinner with the Lerner's he was arrested and taken into custody. He noted Lerner's current plight and the support he is receiving from "... a group of distinguished academicians who has sent both a cable (04/04/77) and a letter (05/05/77) to Dr. Alexandrov president of Academy of Sciences of the USSR, requesting Lerner be granted an exit visa." He also placed the cable and letter from the Committee for Alexander Lerner, signed by Prof. Jack Minker and names of members of the committee in the Congressional Record of 05/18/77 E 3091.
05/24/77	Machol	Rosen	Ben Rosen wrote to Robert Machol of Northwestern U. and sent him information about the Lerner Committee. Encourages him to contact Minker.
05/25/77	UCSJ	Manekofsky	Attaches document from Public Group to Promote the Observance of the Helsinki Agreement in the USSR written 12/76. Provides status of group. Statement signed by: Alexseeva, Bonner, Ginzburg, Grigorenko, Korchuk, Landa, Marchenko, Orlov, Slepak, Sharansky.
05/26/77	Statement	Manekofsky	Irene Manekofsky, President WCSJ at a Press Conference discusses cases of lawyers Konstantyn Simis and wife Dina Kaminsky. USSR initiated persecution of couple and other lawyers. Discussed Lerner, Slepak, Sharansky cases.

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06/03/77	Minker	Rutman	Learned about Lerner Committee from Gotlieb. Refers to Izvestia article 06/07/77 attack on Lerner. Shcharansky charged with "treason" -article 64A of Criminal Code of RSFSR (attached) -ominous for Lerner. Proposes actions at two conferences in Lerner's field. Suggests cable to Acad. V. Trapesnikov, Dir. Inst. for Control Problems, 81, Profsoyuznaya St., Moscow 312, USSR. Believes Trapesnikov is influential and a vulnerable link. Rutman is a personal friend of Lerner's.
06/03/77	Aleksandrov Rudenko	Gotlieb,	Borodin and Mylopolos. Cabled Pres. USSR Academy of Science and procurator General. Deeply concerned about charges against Anatoly Scharansky.
06/06/77	Minker	Galler	Chronicle of Higher Education article 05/09/77 by Malcom G. Scully. Growing willingness of scientists to condemn repression of and scientists. National Academy of Scientists announced a "human rights drive" to pressure Argentina, Soviet Union, and Uruguay to reveal and vouch safety for safety of scientists imprisoned imprisoned for political crimes. Comprehensive discussion on human rights.
06/08/77	Rosen	Mondale	Letter on behalf of Mondale by R.E. Martin, Special Asst. Thanks Rosen for letter re Lerner. They are aware of Lerner's situation. Sec. of State Vance was in Moscow in late March and expressed concern for exit visas. Gave Soviets a list of several hundred names including Lerner. Rosen attached note on 06/23/77 re Toth (newspaper writer) and his encounter with the KGB and earlier contacts with Sharansky
06/13/77	Comp. Sci.	Bernstein et al	Encloses NY Times article by David Shipler June 2, 1977 re Shcharansky, 'Soviet Charges a Key Jewish Human-Rights Activist With Treason'. Bernsteins asks addressees to sign a petition to release Scharansky. Prof. Art Bernstein coordinating effort supported by key comp scientists: Estrin, Feigenbaum, Finerman, Galler, Kleinrock, Lewis, McCarthy, Minker, Ralston, Rosenkrantz, Smith, Stearns, Ullman.
06/14/77		NY Times	Bernard Gwertzman article Carter Denies C.I.A. Engaged Soviet Jew. Although Mrs. Sharansky asked to speak with President Carter he had no plans to do so. In a news conference at which he pledged a commitment to human rights, he denied that Anatoly Sharansky had been recruited for the C.I.A. The State Department protested the detention for thirteen hours on Saturday (06/11/77) of Robert C. Toth the Moscow correspondent for Los Angeles Times, for allegedly receiving a document with state secrets from a Soviet scientist.

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06/16/77		NY Times	Chris Wren – KGB questioning US Correspondent Robert C. Toth of Los Angeles Times. Questioned in Lefortovo Prison re manuscript on parapsychology he had been given. Fifth correspondent accused of subversive activities: George A. Krinsky of Assoc. Press; Alfred Friendly, Jr. of Newsweek; Peter Osnos, Wash. Post; and Christopher S. Wren, NY Times.
06/??/77?		Alber/Ioffe Lerner/Meiman	An Open Letter on Behalf of Anatoly Scharansky. Reviewed Scharansky's career. Appeal for support to have Scharansky released. Attached is review of Scharansky's dissertation on chess end playing.
06/17/77	Minker	Moller	Dr. Jakov Th. Moller, Chief, Communications Unit Division of human Rights in the UN Office at Geneva respnded to Minker letter on behalf of the Lerner Committee, dated 04/05/77. Copy of Minker letter to be sent to country concerned and confidentially to Comm. on Human Rights and Sub-Comm. on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Enclosed Resolutions of 30 July 1959, 6 June and 27 May, 1970. 1967, 13 August 1971
06/20/77	Minker	Estrin	Encloses LA Times article: "Toth's Story From the Chilling to the Ludicrous. Article dated 06/19/77 by Robert C. Toth. He was detained by the KGB when he picked up an article by someone on parapsychology. Sharansky was related to the story, but did not hand him the information. He states, "There may be unanswered questions in this account, but, they must remain that way for now." He goes on to say, "I believe Shcharansky will not be surprised by my answers during the interrogation."
06/27/77		L.A. Times	Article by Robert C. Toth, "All Shcharansky Wanted Was to Leave." Says Shcharansky spells his name as S-h-c-h, not S-h. Describes background on Shcharansky and his wife Avital (Natalia) and that Anatoly made her leave July 5, 1974, one day after their marriage.
06/27/77	David Slate	Mellman	Encloses Draft Letter in support of Shcharansky by chess experts at the August IFIP Congress meeting.
06/ /77		VIGIL	Pub. of WCSJ. Discusses individuals. Shcharansky is highlighted. Azbel, Brailovsky, and Fain mentioned.
07/04/77	Aleksandrov	Grosch	Writes re Shcharansky. Informs him he is sending a letter to the ACM Council that the 'Association for Computing Machinery will not cooperate with or co-sponsor scientific meetings in your country until the climate of intellectual freedom clearly improves.'

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07/04/77	Rudenko	Grosch	Letter similar to 07/04/77 letter to Aleksandrov.
07/04/77	ACM Key People	Grosch	Attaches 07/04/27 letter to Aleksandrov/Rudenko. Asks for support in his efforts. Notifies them of ACM resolution not to cooperate with Soviets.
07/07/77	News	CCS	Eminent Scientists Press Soviets on Levich: Nobel Laureate Julius Axelrod; Dr. Philip Handler, President of Nat. Acad of Sciences; Dr. Robert Adelstein, co-chair CCS; Nobel Laureate Marshall Nirenberg, and Dr. B.R. Stanerson, Former Deputy Director of Amer Chem Society. They were honoring Levich at conference celebrating his birthday.
07/12/77		Mellman	Encloses 07/04/77 letter by Grosch, Pres., ACM.
07/21/77		Diamondback	Article in the Diamondbak by Robyn S. Quinter concerning Chancellor Gluckstern's trip to the USSR for a conference on high energy accelerators, his specialty in physics. He met with the prorector of the University of Moscow. During his visit he started preliminary negotiations for a student and faculty exchange program between the U of Moscow and UMD CP. Gluckstern reported that at a symposium the human rights controversy was a pervasive undercurrent with the arrest and detention of a leading high energy accelerator theorist last winter. In February Gluckstern and other physicists sent a telegram to Soviet authorities asking for a speedy resolution of the matter.
07/21/77	Minker	Machol	Thanks him for his letter of 07/15/77 and sends correspondence with Czechs. Attaches letters from Caslavsky of 03/04/77, a friend of Lerner who does not want to participate in an agreement with US, Czechs, and USSR because of Lerner; and letter dated 02/7/77 on possible exchange with U.S.
07/26/77	Minker	C.C.Gotlieb	Mellman phoned Gotlieb to ask if something could be done at IFIP Congress 77 for Sharansky. Believes it is a good idea. Suggested Tanaka and Jim Finch, Chair Congress Committee be informed, but not obligated to ask permission. Thinks Zev Friedman can help.
07/26/77	Mann	Saks	Sends Danny Mann, JCC of Washington, 07/21 copy UMD Diamondback article. Brings attention to potential exchange program between Moscow State University and Maryland. Asks if it poses any issues re Soviet Jewry might be explored with UMD before they proceed with project.
07/31/77		News Bulletin 114	Scientists Comm of Israel Public Council Soviet Jewry. Discusses Shcharansky, Azbel, Levich, and other Jewish scientists in the world. Interesting commentary re President Carter's remarks re Shcharansky and spying. Case of Abraham Meyer Kagan discussed.
08/01/77	IFIP Council	Minker/Ralston	Review Shcharansky case and urge a resolution of concern of international computing community over Shcharansky and if tried, atmosphere for constructive scientific interchange will be damaged.

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08/02/77	Minker	Hodding Carter	Thanks him for his comments re Lerner. Secretary Vance in Moscow March trip emphasized concern for family reunification and emigration. Gave list of several hundred names including Lerner.
08/05/77	Patsy Mink	Ralston	Thanks her for her response letter, but makes rejoinder. Scientists prevented from attending scientific conferences - a violation of Basket II provision. Mink is Asst. Secy. for Int. Sci. Affairs.
08/07/77	Aleksandrov	IFIP Chess	18 chess experts send petition to Aleksandrov on behalf of Shcharansky. Among signatories were Allen Reiter, Ken M. King, Ben Mittman, Monroe Newborn, David Slate, David Levy, D.F. Beal (other signatures not readable)
08/07/77	Rudenko	IFIP Chess	Same letter as to Aleksandrov of same date.
08/09/77	Mittman	Zev Friedman	Letter to Ben Mittman re conversation with Jack Minker. Mrs. Shcharansky does not know who has the petition. Minker asked him to see Mittman at conference. Friedman tried to meet Mittman, chess room was crowded and he was not allowed entry.
08/11/77		IFIP	Members of IFIP Congress signed petition in support of Shcharansky by 58 participants from the countries of: Canada, Netherlands, Federal Republic of Germany, Australia, France, Japan, Israel, United Kingdom. Attached is the Alber et al. material on Shcharansky and review of his M.S. Thesis on playing chess by computers.
08/15/77	Minker	Mittman	Copies Aleksandrov/Rudenko letters re Shcharansky petition and Lev Friedman's letter of 08/09/77. Preparing short article on affair for CACM-in touch with Ashenhurst.
08/17/77	Minker	Mittman	Encloses draft of short report for publication in Oct. 1977 CACM "IFIP Congress 77 and the Sharansky Case." Reviews Shcharansky case, describes how/why organizers and participants in chess tournament became involved. Summarizes actions taken at special meeting organized at Congress entitled: "Computer Science and Human Rights - The Case of Anatoly Scharansky." Efforts facilitated by CCS Vice-Chair for Computer Science, Minker, who arranged for information to engage computer scientists in a fight for his release. Avital Shcharansky attended chess tournament. At special meeting in room provided by IFIP officials several individuals spoke: Joseph Pomerant, Mrs. Shcharansky's Toronto attorney; Herb Grosch, ACM President read ACM Exec. Committee resolution passed that day (Thursday, 08/11/77). Other speakers were: Prof. Bernard Galler; Prof. Herb Freeman; Prof. Peter Roosen-Runge (York University), and Prof. Calvin Gotlieb.

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08/18/77	Provosts	Gonzalez	Memo concerning possible faculty exchanges with the Soviet Union. Asks provosts to discuss with their chairpersons a possible exchange program between UMD and Moscow University. The idea arose out of a visit to the USSR by Chancellor Gluckstern who requested that Dr. Gonzalez coordinate responses and refer them to him.
08/22/77		Computerworld	E. Drake Lundell Jr. article Sparked by Sharansky Case: IFIP Groups Take Stands for Rights—More than 100 computer scientists signed petition for release of Sharansky. ACM adopted resolution refusing to participate in Soviet sponsored conferences. 15 participants in 2nd Int. Chess Tournament also signed letter for release of Sharansky. Grosch, Pres. ACM said Sharansky is “a symbol of a larger battle.”
08/22/77	Brezhnev	IJCAI77	Petition organized by Minker at IJCAI in Boston, August 22-25, 1977 in support of Shcharansky. Minker organized meeting and petition to President Brezhnev signed by at least 325 experts in AI. The signatures of those who signed appear with the petition.
08/23/77		Minker	Announcement of Human Rights and Scientific Cooperation an Open Meeting. Provides location, time and panelists J. Minker (Chair), UMD; E. Bobrov (MIT); Jack Cohen (NIH); M. Gitterman (Weizman); J. McCarthy (Stanford)
08/23/77			Summary of IJCAI77 MIT August 23, 1977 meeting. Judy Patkin of the Boston Council of Soviet Jewry authored the notes and summarized the remarks of the meeting and comments as to what should be done.
08/24/77	Handler	Minker	At 08/23/77 meeting on human rights at IJCAI77 following motion passed: “We fear that the Sharansky treason case is an extremely dangerous sign of a return to the Stalinist practices. We request that you, as President of the National Academy of Sciences, protest the Sharanskky action. We also request that you initiate a study of how the National Academy of Sciences can use its bargaining power to obtain concessions in human rights issues.
08/26/77	Minker	Freilich	B’Nai B’rith Hillel Foundation, MIT, helped obtain signatures at the IJCAI77 meeting held at MIT. Includes list of individuals who helped obtain the signatures.
09/01/77	Minker	Gotlieb	Enclosed text of resolution passed at IFIP77 and list of signatories. Cables sent to Alexandrov and Rudenko. Letter sent to Soviet Ambassador to Canada and to Canada’s Minister of External Affairs and a copy to Mrs. Shcharansky.
09/01/77	Mittman	Ashenhurst	Ashenhurst, Editor-in-Chief of CACM edited Mittman summary report on human rights actions re IFIP77 chess contest. Ashenhurst edit strengthened the Mittman article.
09/02/77		UCSJ	Search of Lerner apt. and materials confiscated from some apartments. being used for evidence against Sharansky. Letters addressed to Lerner typed in a foreign language, including a letter from Jack Minker dated 05/24/76 were confiscated from Lerner’s apartment.
09/06/77	Gluckstern	White	Heard of UMD Moscow University possible exchange program “Moscow University has often been at the center of such abuses of the principles of free exchange of ideas and academic freedom. . . .selecting Moscow University for an exchange program, would be tacitly accepting violations of the very principles of

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09/07/77	Colleagues	Bernstein	Thanks signers of his 06/13/77 letter in support of Shcharansky. Petition signed by 191 individuals and sent to Soviet Union. Addendum signed by 36 individuals. Copies of petition to be sent to President Carter and others in U.S. government.
09/07/77	Dobroselskiy	Minker	Scientific Attache, USSR DC Embassy, sent letter informing him of petition sent to President Brezhnev by participants of 5th IJCAI in 1977. Indicates deep concern for Sharansky and human rights. Sends copy of petition and notes there were 319 signatories to the letter. Notes potential harmful effect to relations with Soviet scientists and those from other countries.
09/07/77	Dobrynin	Minker	USSR Ambassador to US. Similar letter to 09/07/77 Dobroselskiy
09/07/77	Aleksandrov	Minker	Sends copy of petition sent to Brezhnev 09/07/77-follow up on 09/12/77 cable.
09/07/77	Applebaum	Minker	Thanks Dede for helping to gather signatures for Sharansky at IJCAI77. Of 850 attendees, 100 attended panel, 293 signatures.
09/07/77	Patkin	Minker	Thanks Soviet Committee for Jewry in Boston for help that Trudy Shechter, Patkin, and Bailey Barron gave to me and Meir Weinstein at IJCAI77. Writing up article for AI community based on notes by Patkin.
09/07/77	Molin/	Minker	Thanks Ron and Phyllis Hoffenberg. See 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Freilich	Minker	Thanks Joel B. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Libicki	Minker	Thanks Charles. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Wenger	Minker	Thanks Penny. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Gale	Minker	Thanks Barak. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Zimet	Minker	Thanks Jonathan. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Scharf	Minker	Thanks Stuart. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Stiefel	Minker	Thanks Michael. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Nussbaum	Minker	Thanks Jeremy. Same as 09/07/77 Patkin letter.
09/07/77	Handler	Minker	Informs Handler of meeting on Human Rights and Scientific Cooperation held at IJCAI77, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. re Sharansky. Attaches petition containing 319 signatures from 11 countries: Belgium, Canada, England, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, West Germany, USA, and Venezuela. Also encloses resolution passed at IFIPS held in Toronto, Canada, August 1977 by chess program designers by 58 computer scientists from 9 different countries concerning Sharansky. See 08/07/77 letter to Aleksandrov.

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09/07/77	Vance	Minker	Letter to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Same letter as 09/07/77 letter to Handler.
09/07/77	Young	Minker	Letter to Ambassador Andrew Young. Same letter as 09/07/77 letter to Hendler
09/07/77	President	Minker	Letter to President (Carter). Same as Hendler letter 09/07/77
09/07/77	A. Sharansky	Minker	Letter to Avital Sharansky. 'It was a great pleasure to meet you when you were recently in the United States. As I told you I would do, I organized activities on behalf of Anatoly at the ... (IJCAI) in Cambridge, Massachusetts during August.' In addition, enclosed results of activities that took place at IFIP in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Gotlieb also sent a telegram to the Soviet Union signed by 60 scientists based on the meeting.
09/09/77	Minker	Eisenstadt	Includes signatures he obtained at IJCAI77 meeting at MIT (signatures not contained in file). Attaches article from NY Times 09/08/77 re a mass produced robot that could kill.
09/09/77	Mellman	Ralston	Sends article by Angeline Pantages on IFIP77 human rights activities, says Pantages may be in touch with him. Pantages Datamation article appeared, 09/77, titled, "No Charter for " Human Rights. Disagrees with IFIPS not taking official action on Sharansky and states: "IFIP is full of fantastic people, professionally and personally. It is difficult to believe that they can love their scientific and professional encounters so much that they can avoid addressing the question posed by Shcharansky's case and the situation faced by countless scientists around the world in this and other times and places. Politeness and diplomacy be damned. The application of this technology more than any other needs careful concern for its impact on human beings. How can one trust its development to people representd by a group that says human rights are not in its charter?"

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09/12/77	White	Gluckstern	Gluckstern responded to Bernard S. White, President, Jewish Community Council, Washington, DC letter of 09/06/77 suggesting UMD should be aware of broader implications of UMD-Moscow State University exchange. Gluckstern said he shared his concern. Describes his role in conference honoring Benjamin Levich's 60th birthday. Believes exchanges can be helpful in reducing violations of human rights. Assures him that UMD is aware of the complexity of this issue.
09/14/77	Brezhnev	Minker	Encloses petition from IJCAI77.
09/14/77	Marchello	Minker	Exchange Agreement With Moscow State University. Response to Dr. Gonzalez re a proposed exchange with Moscow State University. Opposed to the particular exchange, but generally supports exchanges. Cost is not justified since CS needs faculty lines and operating budget funds. Previous exchanges with USSR have been primarily one way—cites book by Robert F. Byrnes one of the original program organizers and managers of US-USSR Exchange program. C.C. Gotlieb a distinguished Canadian Professor stated exchange program was not beneficial to Canada. Major reason: disregard of human rights by Moscow U.—cites Piatatetsky-Shapiro, Azbel, and Irina Brailovsky dismissals. Discusses case of Prof. Shafarevich. Encloses book review of Byrnes book in <i>SCIENCE</i> , Vol 195, Feb. 1977, pp. 480–481. Shafarevich material written by Miles Reid, Cambridge University graduate student. Appeal from Irina Brailovsky in <i>SCIENCE</i> , Vol 20, No.2, Feb. 1977, pp. 119–120.
09/15/77	Weinstein	Minker	Meir Weinstein is in the Department of CS and EE at MIT. Delighted to work with him in support of Shcharabsky at IJCAI77. Could not have been done without his help. Suggests Meir co-author letter to Sigart, but he may not wish to do so since he was on the Program Committee. (Note: The session was not an official part of IJCAI.)
09/15/77	Weizenbaum	Minker	Thanks him for his support at IJCAI77.
09/15/77	Minker	McCarthy	Prefers fact he did not accept Rjback's visit not appear in print—it is a limited action and not advocating a general policy. Thinks Minker article would put less strain on SIGART if it were half its current size. Believes view of 2 Russians, Jack Cohen and him, was not reflected in the article. Namely, it is important not to break off all contact and it is important to battle for human rights within the Soviet Union at meetings like IJCAI4. "... it would be even more helpful if you would mention that it was the majority view both of Russians and of the internationals, primarily American attendance at the meeting."

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09/16/77		NY Times	Stephen S. Rosenfeld editorial, 'Toughening Up East-West Exchanges.' Discusses state of exchange programs with Soviet Union. He states that, 'The inability of American exchange administrators to enforce stricy reciprocity has plagued many different kinds of echhange.' Argues that one should participate in such exchanges '... only after satisfying himself that the causes and people he values will profit more from his participation than his abstension.'
09/20/77	Gluckstern	Sollins	Stanley Sollins, Executive Director, Baltimore Jewish Council writes concerning potential exchange UMD-Moscow State University. Says, '... scientific exchange is both admirable and worth pursuing ...' Describes situation with respect to Soviet Jews and requests a meeting to discuss the issue.
09/20/77	Minker	Mellman	Encloses a letter to Joan Dale of the Medical and Scientific Committee for Soviet Jewry in London, England from A.S. Douglas, the B.C.S. representative at IFIPS. Mellman cannot understand on what basis Douglas decides to exclude Sharansky from being a colleague. Dale had been trying to get Douglas to take action on Sharansky at IFIP77. Letter to Joan Dale, from A.S. Douglas is attached to Mellman's note. Douglas elaborates on his thoughts on the issue and his rationale for not taking action.
09/21/77	Minker	Andrew Young	Thanks him for the letter sent on 9/7/77 re IJCAI77 in Cambridge, Mass. Heartened by Conference emphasis on human rights and statements of support for Anatoly Scharansky.
09/26/77	Silverman	Zalcman	Lawrence Zalcman, Professor of Mathematics sends copy of letter to Chancellor Gluckstern re UMD-Moscow State University exchange.
09/26/77	Gluckstern	Zalcman	Larry Zalcman writes letter detailing his discomfort over the possible UMD-Moscow State University exchange agreement.
09/26/77		Huxley	Editor's Page C&EN, Andrew Huxley on science and politics Argues that human rights should be separated from science
09/27/77	Zalcman	Gluckstern	Assures Zalcman that his perspective will be considered. He states, "A partially free exchange at this time <u>may</u> offer the greatest likelihood of an ultimately free exchange."
10/??/77	Friends	Salansky	Trying to help Vladimir Prestin. Reviews his case.
10/01/77		LA Times	Robert C. Toth reports US Scientists Urged to Take Tougher Stand on Russ Human Rights Violations. National Academy of Sciences panel chair Prof. Carl Kaysen of MIT offered a position where now, the ethics of scientific research require free access to information, the right to communicate with other scientists freely and the right to question reigning scientific assumptions. Important statement backs up contentions of those who took strong stand at IJCAI in Tbilisi without mentioning this conference.

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10/01/77		Mittman	CACM Report on a Meeting, IFIP Congress 77 and the Shcharansky Case, October 1977, V. 20, No. 2, 776-778
10/03/77		Chronicle HE	Malcom G. Scully article, Task Force organized by The Twentieth Century Fund with Harry C. McPherson, Jr. head; Brewster C. Denny; Townsend Hoopes; Hans J. Morgenthau; and Richard Pipes report on IREX exchange program. Describe problems with the exchange program and called on the Federal Government to "insist that American students be given reasonable access to materials and the right to pursue legitimate scholarly interests." Called on IREX to monitor agreements "more rigourously." "The task force recommends that IREX react with equal firmness when an American scholar has difficulty gaining, within a reasonable time, promised access to necessary material in the Soviet Union."
10/05/77	Handler	Pearl	Informs Pres. Academy of Sci. he does not want to participate in the inter-Academy Program in the future due to Sharansky. Pearl just hosted a Russian, Dr. Valeriy Rybak and enjoyed the three month exchange visit under the Interacademy Program. Pearl felt disturbed that while he was hosting Rybak, another scientist in AI, Anatoly Shcharansky is held in custody in the USSR charged with 'treason' for his stand on human rights.
10/05/77	McCarthy	Minker	Responds to McCarthy letter 09/15/77 suggesting he revise his SIGART report. Minker cut text and made changes McCarthy recommended. Attaches revised report of session on human rights he organized in support of Shcharansky. Panelists were: Minker, UMD (Chair); Dr. Emanuel Bobrov, MIT; Dr. Jack Cohen, NIH; Dr. Moshe Gitterman, Bar Ilan U; Dr. , John McCarthy Stanford. Over 100 participants attended. Briefly states each individual's comments and summarized actions: letters to Brezhnev signed by 319 participants and a letter to Dr. Philip Handler, Pres., NAS requesting actions by NAS.
10/07/77	Marchello	Kirwan	In response to Dr. Gonzalez' request for comments re the Chancellor's proposed exchange between UMD and Moscow State discussed at Department's Policy Committee. "The opinion of this group was unanimous. Our feeling is that the exchange of scientists on an individual basis between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. is a good and desirable thing. This is especially so for us, since the Soviet Union is one of the world leaders in mathematics." Doubt that an institutionalized program can possibly lead to free intercahnge. Explains doubts.
10/07/77	Mellman	Minker	Expenses and receipts.

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10/07/77	Mellman	Minker	Enclosed letters from Machol and Johnston asking that a form be filled out for AAAS on Alexander Lerner. Suggests he fill out the form for others (Sharansky, Levich, Orlov). Johnston is human rights coordinator for AAAS. Form is for Persecuted Scientists.
10/10/77	Minker/Ralston	Tanaka	States that prior to someone handing him our letter re Sharansky, he had not been contacted. He believes that ‘...any practical efforts to help Shcharansky through - IFIP could only be effective if done outside the glare of publicity.’ He states, ‘If you think it would be useful, I would be willing to initiate discussions with people I know in the Socialist countries. Attaches articles from Computer Weekly of August 18, 1977 and from LA Times (undated).
10/10/77	Friend	McGill	William J. McGill, chair of a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Commission on Justice for Anatoly Shcharansky invited Minker to testify at session. Commissioners: Senator Frank Church; Robert McKay; Eleanor Holmes Norton (chair); Bayard Rustin; and Chesterfield Smith. Counsel Presenting Defense Case: Alan Dershowitz; Counsel to the Commission Jack Greenberg. Testimony from the following were heard: Mrs. Avital Shcharansky, Robert Toth, and Representative Robert F. Drinan. Meeting held at Quality Inn Capitol Hill at noon in DC on October 20, 1977.
10/12/77		Amb. Sherer	Address to Closed Plenary Session on Basket Two Issues. Concern is that more has to be done to promote informal contact and collaboration among scientists. “. . . freedom to converse is essential to progress. Scientific research cannot bring mankind its potential benefits if researchers are kept apart and their conversations muffled.” Says US calls for a sequential and documented review of the provisions of Section Two.
10/13/77	Pearl	Handler	If Pearl’s thoughts in 10/05/77 letter are to be meaningful they should be conveyed to G. S kyrabin, Chief Scientific Secy. and Anatoly Aleksandrov, President of Soviet Academy. Thinks letters from hosts of Soviet scholars will have an impact on the Soviet Union. Believes it is important for Academy to have exchanges and not close the door to regular communication. He shares Pearl’s feelings re Sharansky and others, but prefers ‘...dogged, deliberate program of our Committee on Human Rights.

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10/14/77		SCIENCE	Vol. 198, No. 3. Report Soviets reneged on invitation to Melvyn Nathanson, Assoc. Prof. Mathematics after first inviting him on an IREX exchange program. Nathanson had sublet his apartment and for a leave without pay when Soviets reneged. IREX retaliated by withdrawing funds to support a Soviet for 8 months. Harvard invited Nathanson for the period.
10/19/77	Minker	Wilensky	PhD Student at Yale. Attended IJCAI5 meeting at MIT. Wants to
10/20/77		CACM	Minutes of ACM Council meeting. By a vote of 15 for, 2 opposed, 5 abstentions, Council approved the Exec. Comm. resolution passed at its August 1977 meeting: Resolved: "In view of Article 2, (2) of our Constitution: 'to promote free interchange of information about the sciences and art of information processing both among specialists and among the public to the best specific and scientific tradition,' and in view of Russian restrictions on the freedom of computer people, the Council of the Association for Computing Machinery hereby resolves that the ACM will not cooperate with or cosponsor any meetings to be held in the USSR, and will question at appropriate times ACM participation in other international computer activities with dominant or very heavy Russian support."
10/21/77		NY Times	Article by Dosko Doder, discusses Ad Hoc Commission on Justice for Shcharansky. Witnesses were sworn in by Chief Judge David Bazelon of US District Court of Appeals for District of Columbia. According to Dershowitz, counsel for Shcharansky, the goal of the commission was to prepare a brief for Shcharansky's defense. Thrust of inquiries were to establish that Shcharansky had conducted his activities publicly, that his objective was to publicize that he had no connection with the CIA and that his computer research had focused on ways to program computers to play chess. Lists those who testified: Mrs. Shcharansky; Isaak Elkind, a Soviet attorney who emigrated to Israel; Jack Minker, professor of computer science at University of Maryland; and two Americans who had contacts with Shcharansky in Moscow, Rep. Robert F. Drinan, (D-Mass) and Alfred J. Friendly, Jr., who served as Newsweek correspondent in Moscow from 1974 to 1976. "Friendly summed up the tone of yesterday's testimony by saying that 'Shcharansky's only crime was to speak the truth and worse of all to do so in English.'"
10/25/77	Pantages	Minker	Minker enjoyed Angie's article on Shcharansky in October 1977 Datamation on IFIPS event. Encloses SIGART article re meeting on Shcharansky. Informs her of meeting on 10/27/77 of Ad Hoc Commission on Justice for Anatoly Shcharansky and that Dershowitz is writing something on this matter. Attaches Biographies of Ad Hoc Commission on Justice for Shcharansky.
10/25/77	Goldstein		Encloses article sent to SIGART re Shcharansky events at IJCAI5. Pleased he visited UMD to give well-received talk on his research.

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11/01/77	Wilensky	Minker	Thanks him for letter of 10/19/77. Will ask Mellman to put him on CCS mailing list. When actions required, will contact him. 'As an afterthought, you might convince Roger Schank of the importance of the Shcharansky matter. I would you suggest that you wait until you finish your thesis before you do this.'
11/07/77	Minker	Weinstein	Meir Weinstein of MIT sent his new address at MIT. He will be meeting with Ira Goldstein to discuss my SIGART article. Enclosed copy of letter by Pearl to Hendler of 10/05/77.
11/10/77	Tanaka	Minker	In his letter to Minker, Tanaka stated, there are "different ways to get there." Minker states, "Our view is that discussions on matters which relate to computer scientists who IFIPS represents, such as their rights as scientists, should be open.
11/??/77	Tanaka	Ralston	Disagrees with Tanaka 10/07/77 letter that ACM resolution was "negligible." It is difficult to assess, but "At least it is fairly clear that it did no harm." Does not believe that the USSR would withdraw from IFIP, and the contribution to IFIP by the USSR have been negligible at most. Quotes Soviet chemist Benjamin Levich, "those who adhere to the non-interference doctrine become a party to the game, whether they wish it or not. No-interference turns out to be collaboration with the political bureaucrats in their confrontation with scientists."
11/13/77		NY Times	Mark Azbel, who emigrated in July 1977 warns U.S. Against Underrating Sciences in USSR. "Ideological dogma is no longer permitted to strangle research, as it was in the days of Lysenko.
11/21/77		French AES	Members of French Atomic Energy Center on Nuclear Studies call for a day in support of physicist Professor N. Meiman. Appeal was NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.
11/28/77	Minker	Rukin	Sends a copy of the vitae of Retired Professor Alexander Zayedzny, Dept. of Non-Linear Circuits and Communication who was refused permission to emigrate to Israel in August 1977 where his daughter lives.
11/30/77		Pitt Post-Gaz	Ex-Soviet Dissident Mark Azbel asks support follow-through to help refuseniks and dissidents.
12/05/77	Mellman	Nimetz	Nimetz is a Counselor in the Dept. of State. He discussed events at Belgrade meeting of Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Listed human rights issues raised by US delegation: divided family cases, repressive measures against human rights activists, national minority issues, and continued violation of the rights of self determination. Discussion did not proceed without objection. Claim by Eastern countries that discussion was interference in their internal affairs.

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12/07/77		NY Times	Soviet Repression and the US both sides in a Quandry by David K. Shipler. No negotiations on most fundamental disagreement between US and USSR human rights and no negotiations will take place. Chief Justice Warren Burger kept silent about human rights when he met with Brezhnev. Shipler said that Soviet officials take silence as a statement of indifference on Soviet violations of human rights. Soviets also flatly refused to make emigration easier in exchange for favorable Congressional action on trade.
12/07/77	Council ACM	Ralston	Proposes a resolution on scientific freedom adapted from the CCPP - resolution attached.
12/16/77		NY Times	Soviet Extends the Pretrial Detention of Shcharansky. Detention was extended six months. Discussed Carter meeting with Gromyko on Shcharansky.
12/22/77		Gotlieb/ Sterling	Send resolution passed on 08/11/77 by 58 computer scientists attending IFIP Congress 77 in Toronto, sent to President Soviet Academy of Scientists and Procurator General. "We, computer scientists participating in IFIP Congress 77, wish to express our dismay at the violation of human rights as evidenced by the treatment of Anatoly Sharansky - rights protected by the Helsinki Agreement to which the Soviet Union is a signatory. Such violations must lead to a diminution, and if continued, to a rupture of exchanges between scientists in the Soviet Union and those in western countries." Sends letter to all departments of computer science in Canada and ask that the faculties write to senior officials of the Soviet Union, urging Anatoly Sharansky be released and allowed to emigrate. Attached is a one page description The Case of Anatoly Shcharansky and a letter to colleagues at the Univ. of Toronto by REv. J.M. Kelly, President to Dean J.M. Ham and Rev. Kelly, and Prof. Louis Siminovitch to press the Prime Minister to request the Canadian Govt. to persuade Soviet authorities to permit unhampered emigration.
12/27/77	Minker	Mellman	Note re enclosed material from National Academy of Sciences re Sharansky. NAS enclosure: Academy wants observer at Sharansky trial. Calls for release of 3 others. Letter from Philip Handler, Pres. NAS to Pres. Brezhnev, USSR offering to send distinguished lawyers (L. Lipson, Yale; G. Fletcher, U Cal.; A. Dershowitz, Harvard; D. Bazelon, Chief Judge US Court Appeals DC; D.J. Keith, Judge US Court Appeals 6th District.

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12/31/77		CCS	Annual report. Sharansky arrested 03/15/77. Prof. Naum Slansky organize a seminar in Vilnius was threatend for 'anti-Soviet' behavior, but received exit visa in 1977. Brailovsky threatened with 8 years in a labor camp. Dr. Joseph Begun given 2 years in exile in 1977 for being a parasite. ACM decided to sever its ties with USSR because of the persecution of Sharansky and Valentin Turchin (Turchin given permission to emigrate shortly after ACM decision). CCS and its officers worked closely with ACM in developing position, which was explained by ACM Pres. H.R.J. Grosch in 09/71 issue of Computer Decisions. More than 300 attendees of 5th IJCAI in September 1977 wrote to Soviet Pres. Brezhnev requesting Sharansky's release from prison and allowed to emigrate. Letter initiated by Prof. Jack Minker, who also chaired panel session at the conference. Panel members included former CCS co-Chair Jack Cohen, Emanuel Boborov, former refusenik Moshe Gitterman and John McCarthy.