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| 01/04/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Yuli Borodovsky comp sci, Tashkent USSR, emigrated. |
| 01/08/80 | Minker | Geller | NY Conf. Sov. Jewry. Sends information on Vladimir Prestin. Lawyres trying to find affidavit that his work is not a 'state secret'. Material attached on Prestin and family. |
| 01/11/80 | Hirsch | Young | Accepts invitation to be distinguished sponsor of Moscow Int. Conf. Collective Phenomena, April 13-15, 1980. |
| 01/11/80 | Winston | Hirsch | Invites Winston on behalf of JM to participate in 4th Int. Conf. on Collective Phenomena, April 13-15, 1980, in Moscow. Conf. in support of Refuseniks. Prelim program listed. |
| 01/11/80 | | <i>Science</i> | Editorial in Science, v. 207, No. 4427, pp. 10016 "Helsinki Final Act," by Gottesman, Kac, and Mellman. |
| 02/08/80 | | Minker | Draft material for Minker Report on Human Rights for CCPP - not published since CCPP became CSFHR, revised and subsequently published. |
| 02/08/80 | CCPP | Armer | Report on Human Rights prepared by Jack Minker as charged by Armer was reviewed by subcommittee Rob Kling and Tony Ralston. Suggestions wer made and Minker to revise for approval by CCPP and submittal to CACM on behalf of the CCPP. |
| 02/12/80 | Ralston | Armer | Copy of telegram stating, "The Committee on Computers and Public Policy votes 11-2 in favor of Ralston proposal for a standing committee on SFHR. Opposed were Lykos and Van Atta. Mills was not reached." |
| 02/25/80 | Minker | Firdman, H. | Heard about my work from his mother and Dorothy Hirsch. Thanks Minker for his work on his behalf. Grateful to his friends who have provided support for him. Asks that Minker sends his regards to Dorothy Hirsch. |
| 02/27/80 | Minker | McCracken | Thanks Minker for his kind words re his President's Letter in the January CACM. He was concerned as to how others would react to involvement of ACM in human rights. Received 10 favorable responses. Informs Minker that ACM Council did Charter a Committee on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights. |

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| 03/13/80 | Minker | Ralston | Informs Minker he has been appointed Chair of the newly found ACM CSFHR. Invites Minker to: (a) become a member of the committee, (b) give opinion on initial activities of committee, Send ideas on procedures to be recommended for Comm. proposals for statements of ACM policy when timeliness is crucial. Thanks Minker for support in setting up committee and asks Minker if he would become vice chairman as he would like to lean heavily on his experience. |
| 03/30/80 | Hirsch | Firdman, H. | Sends his gratitude to Dorothy Hirsch for keeping in touch with his mother and for assisting him. He is writing a book, Theory of Cognizing Systems. He wrote the book in Russian and is now translating and adding new material in English. He has finished half of chapter 7 and is having a beautiful time. All is not well – he has no job and limited access to the literature. Nevertheless, he is not downcast. Hopes Dorothy will write. |
| 04/24/80 | McCarthy | Hirsch | Informs him that Professors Herber and Zabusky were unable to make contact with Henry Firman. They wre not able to visit him or to reach him by phone. She asks if he could write to Firdman to boost his morale. Telephoned his office and delivered a message from Minker asking him to write an article for SIGART about IJCAI4. Thanks him for his support to CCS projects. |
| 04/25/80 | Minker | Sabin | Michael Sabin, Asst. Director to CCS asks Minker for names of people in AI who might become involved in the cases of Leonid Volvovsky and Henry Firdman. Reports about Volvovsky and Firdman. Attaches information on Volvovsky. |
| 04/30/80 | Minker | Firdman | Provided the correct address of her son, Henry Firdman. Thanks Minker for sending a visitor to him. Henry continues to work at home since he was dismissed from his job. in 1979 she wrote to Prof. Smulli and asked for ACM to pay Henry's membership fee. No response was received. Henry declared for an exit visa at the end of April and is waiting for the usual refusal. Encloses a list of books that might be sent to Henry. |
| 05/02/80 | Minker | Swenson | Press Asst. to Sen. Dennis DeConcini enclosed letter he received from Prof. Alexander Lerner. Lerner letter to Minker dated 11/30/79. Acknowledges receipt of Minker letter 9/24/79, about his article and agrees with editorial changes. States that science will benefit from Minker's tenure as chair, though the administrative activity was very succesful. Working on a problem of optimal agreement during negotiations using formal methods. After 8 years of refusal he is not regarded as having any state secrets. Two weeks later he was denied an exit visa. The family is well. |

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| 05/05/80 | Minker | Ralston | Responds to enclosed letter from Denning. Hopes matter will be resolved. Will follow Denning's rules. Encloses CSFHR stationery. Attaches Ballot on committee activities and procedures. Lists CSFHR members: Finerman (Council member), Harrison (Council member), McCracken (ex officio), Minker (Vice Chair), Ralston (Chair), Tartar (ex officio), Turchin, Armer. Attaches Denning letter of 04/24/80. Denning believes that the Chair, CSFHR does not have the authority to delegate signing of letters by Minker. Denning cannot justify any ACM involvement in cases unrelated to ACM. Objects to routine letters being signed by anyone other than Ralston. Doesn't want committee members making decisions for ACM. Ralston responds to Denning letter 05/05/80. Believes Denning's interpretation re signing authority is restrictive. Suggests that the Council decide on the matter, of Denning's point about non ACM matters, Ralston cites the Sakharov case where ACM might want to assist. |
| 05/08/80 | Y. Ershov | Berkeley | 40 mathematicians at UC Berkeley cannot envision Ershov's visit as an ordinary exchange. Ershov has interfered with the careers of Soviet mathematicians. Do not welcome him to Berkeley and will not attend his lecture. Information on his actions have been obtained from multiple sources. Cite his antipathy to Jews and his colleagues, Trachenbrott, Krass, and Levin. Details provided on Ershov's activities. Letter from Herstein from U. Chicago 05/12/80 asks for boycott of two lectures by Ershov. Believes that charges against Ershov are justified based on comments from Russian mathematicians with whom he has spoken and respects |
| 05/16/80 | CCS | Sabin | Preliminary report on Yuri Ershov's Visit to the U.S. Discusses details of Y. Ershov's anti-semitic activities. The Novosibirsk board of mathematicians were purged of Jews (e.g. B.A. Trachtenbrott, G.S. Rubenstein). A.A. Lyapunov and A.P. Ershov (computer specialist) resigned from NSU Board in protest. At U. Chicago, Herstein and other colleagues called for a boycott. Saunders Mac Lane expressed reservations about the boycott without hard facts. His lecture was held and well-attended. At MIT the chair, Dr. Gerald Sacks, who was his host suggested to Ershov that he not give his lecture at MIT. He did and only 7 individuals attended. |
| 05/16/80 | Y. Ershov | Cambridge | Memo to Ershov signed by 16 mathematicians from Cornell, MIT, Boston College, Harvard. Cite Ershov's activities and ask him to supply evidence that the charges are false. Absent that, they are not willing to offer him either their personal hospitality or their professional collaboration. |
| 05/19/80 | Fulbright F. | Harvard | Express surprise and disapproval of their choice of Yuri L. Ershov as a Fulbright fellow. They state, 'Thus a paradoxical situation is created: the person is rewarded by the USSR for activities to which Americans are opposed, and the USA picks up the tab.' Signed by 10 Harvard faculty. |

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| 05/19/80 | Fulbright F. | MIT Math. | Identical letter as that from Harvard mathematicians, signed by 9 MIT faculty members. |
| 05/21/80 | Minker | Berkovich | Sends vitae for Boris Kimmelfeld who is a refusenik. |
| 06/05/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Encloses material on Y. Ershov visit. Soviet emigre scientists forwarded material to her. They want CCS to help forestall visits from "unacceptable." Asks Minker for comments. |
| 06/08/80 | Brodie | Schein | Boris M. Schein, recent emigre wrote to Michael Brodie re Haim Kilov. Sends Kilov's address. Kilov wrote to Brodie, but did not hear from him. Kilov has not received material Brodie was to send. Also asks for letters in support of Kilov to congress and U.S. administration. Handwritten note by Brodie states, "I have now already sent the material twice with return receipt requested". So far no receipt." |
| 06/12/80 | Minker | Brodie | Writing concerning Haim Kilov and Michael N. Vainshenker to whom he sent academic papers twice, neither has reached them. He asked the U.S. post office to look into the matter. Both want to leave USSR. Kilov has been turned down. Gives addresses for Kilov and Vainshenker and address for Schein who informed him that they had not received the documents. |
| 06/12/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Sends biographical information on Boris Kimmelfeld. |
| 06/17/80 | McCracken | Pollitzer | Gustavo A. Pollitzer of Buenos Aires read in the March 80 CACM that the ACM has information on human rights violations of computer scientists in Argentina. Would like data on the cases and actions taken by ACM. McCracken sends letter from a Shirley Tepper dated 07/23/80 and his response dated 07/31/80. She would like help to bring two individuals to the states from Romania: one a young man who wants to come to in U.S. and another a computer programmer who would like to come to the U.S. McCracken suggests she write letters to officials and she write to Minker who is publishing a list of CS people whose human rights have been violated. (Note from Minker: Tepper's letter did not say these cases were related to human rights.) |
| 06/30/80 | Hulinsky | Lax | Peter Lax, Pres. AMS wrote to permanent representative of Czech republic concerning Vaclav Benda, a mathematician, who is serving a 4 year sentence for remarks critical of government. Asks for reconsideration or clemency to restore freedom to Benda. |
| 07/01/80 | Presser | Victor | Sends material on Vladimir Prestin to NY Conf. Soviet Jewry. |
| 07/03/80 | Brodie | Kilov | Letter is indistinct. Received papers sent by Brodie March 4, 1980. Sends regards to Jack Minker. |
| 07/16/80 | Spellman | Shneiderman | Writes to Congresswoman Bladys Noon Spellman. Asks her to take interest in Soviet scientists and particularly Haim Kilov. |

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| 07/16/80 | Heylin | Ralston | Writes to Editor C&EN responding to a letter by Peter Lykos who stated re 1969 ACM membership vote, "Shall the Constitution of the ACM be revised to permit Association comment or action in deeply political and social questions?" Vote NO by 4 to 1. Ralston interprets the vote as meaning these are questions with no computer component. Hence human rights for computer scientists are acceptable. |
| 07/17/80 | CSFHR | Ralston | Discusses several items: 1. Attaches letter to Editor of C&EN. Asks if should poll the membership on activities wrt human rights. 2. Minker report will be available shortly and would like all committee members to read and provide comments before publication. 3. Brouhaha re delegating signing responsibility. Attaches a proposed draft and requests comments. 4. Received comments from only 3 members re proposed procedures re public statements and actions. Needs comments. 5. Suggests a task committee members might undertake for those with Russian colleagues explaining why they are suspending scientific relations with the USSR. Attaches memo to Council re Charter SFHR Committee. Discusses policy of delegation of signing authority and proposes a policy statement. |
| 07/24/80 | Ralston | Matser | Apprehensive of ACM getting involved in plights of people in Russia. Says 'I simply don't see any reason why the ACM as an organization must concern itself with <u>everybody</u> who because of religious or political beliefs cannot live in his own country.' Provides numerous reasons why ACM should not be involved in these cases. Attaches list of Vietnamese members of ACM. |
| 07/29/80 | Matser | Ralston | Responds and says reason ACM is involved is they are our colleagues and membership in ACM is not an issue. Cites the case of Turchin where letters can help. Will inquire about the whereabouts and status of Vietnamese computer scientists. |
| 07/31/80 | Ralston | Minker | Responds to letter of 07/17/80. 1. Likes his response to C&EN. Does not believe we should poll the membership. 2. Pleased Minker report is now responsibility of CSFHR. 3. Policy on delegation of signing he proposes is excellent. 4. Agrees with public policy statement. 5. Does not believe committee should sponsor a letter writing campaign to Soviet scientists. We should be flexible and permit travel since scientists who go to USSR sometime meet with refuseniks. |
| 07/31/80 | Minker | McCracken | Asks how to answer letter he received (from Pollitzer on 06/17/80) handwritten note from Minker on letter saying Minker phoned McCracken gave him the information about Roberto Ardito and Hilda Leikis de Alvarez Rojas and the source was the CCS. |

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| 08/06/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Encloses names of those not on Minker list and attaches UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights; ICSU report, The Free Circulation of Scientists: Advice to Organizers of International Meetings; Report of the Standing Comm. on the Safeguard of the Pursuit of Science, by Prof. O. Maaloe, Chair CPCS; ICSU Resolution on the Free Circulation of Scientists; Status of Anatoly Shcharansky and March 21, 1980 Jerusalem Post article on Shcharansky; and information on Aba Taratuta. |
| 08/07/80 | Matser | Ralston | Asks for source of addresses of Vietnamese computer scientists sent by Matser. Note from Matser explains source - from ACM. |
| 08/07/80 | Husak | Nohel | John A. Nohel, Chair, Comm. on Human Rights, AMS, writes Presidet Husak, Czechoslovakia protesting the imprisonment of Vaclav Benda. CCS statement on Benda |
| 08/08/80 | Minker | Hirsch | New list of Soviet Refuseniks in Computer Science. |
| 08/08/80 | M'Bow | Ralston | Writes to Director General of UN in support of Lawyers Comm. for Int. Human Rights letter of 28 February 1980 concerning Andrei Sakharov. Response from Karel Vasek, Dir. Off. of Int. Standards and Legal Affairs, UN for the Director General acknowledges receipt of letter. Unesco has taken note of the letters and will be brought to the notice of the Comm. on Conventions and Recommendations. |
| 08/10/80 | Ralston | Minker | Encloses revised Draft of Human Rights report. Additional names included. Sends copy of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Attaches hand-edited report and list of Soviet Scientists Awaiting Permission to Emigrate by city and scientific specialty supplied by CCS. |
| 08/12/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Suggests that Vaclav Benda be added to Minker's CS list |
| 08/15/80 | Aleksandrov | Nohel | Chair, CHR, AMS expresses concern about Alexander Lerner. Asks that he be permitted to emigrate or at the least be provided normal conditions for scientific work to Pres. USSR Acad. Sci. |
| 08/15/80 | Aleksandrov | Nohel | Letter re Prof. Solomon Alber, similar to Nohel letter, date concerning Alexander Lerner to Pres. USSR Acad. Sci. |
| 08/15/80 | Fadeev | Nohel | Chair, CHR, AMS writes to Prof. L. Fadeev, Dir. Steklov Mathematical Institute re Abram Meyerovich Kagan. Letter similar to those written same date for Lerner and Alber. |
| 08/15/80 | Komin | Nohel | Chair, CHR, AMS writes to Dr. V.V. Komin, Rector, Kalinin, RSFHR, USSR re Grigori Freiman. Letter similar to others on same date. |
| 08/15/80 | Rudenko | Nohel | Letter in support of Dr. Yosif Begun to Procurator General. |

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| 08/15/80 | Terebilov | Nohel | Letter in support of Dr. Tatyana Velikanova to Justice Minister. |
| 08/15/80 | Lefortovo | Nohel | Letter in support of Dr. Tatyana Velikanova to Director of Lefortovo, KGB Investigation Prison, Moscow, USSR. |
| 08/15/80 | Aleksandrov | Nohel | Letter in support of Professors Viktor and Irina Brailovsky to Pres. USSR Acad. Sci. |
| 08/15/80 | Aleksandrov | Nohel | Letter in support of Professor Naum Meiman to Pres. USSR Acad. Sci. |
| 08/28/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Spoke to Nohel and asked him to send information on Vaclav Benda so CCS could also support him. |
| 09/ /80 | Minker | France HR | Vitae and material in French on Grigory Goldstein from the Commite Scientifique, Conseil National Francais Pour La Protection des Droits Des Juifs D'U.R.S.S. |
| 09/03/80 | Nohel | Hirsch | Updates Nohel on Yosif Begun and Albeer. Attaches letter to Husak on behalf of Vaclav Benda. |
| 09/03/80 | Husak | CCS | Letter to President of CSSR. Distressed by treatment of Vaclav Benda. Ask for charges to be reviewed and he be returned to his former profession, Signed by Gottesman, Kac, and Minker. |
| 09/04/80 | Minker | Ralston | Plans to distribute Minker HR report to Committee and place on agenda for Nashville for approval. Asks for several clarifications concerning the report. |
| 09/08/80 | Ralston | Minker | Respnnds to Ralston questions in 09/04/80 letter. Agrees with most items suggested by Ralston for clarification. Does not believe that we can define computer scientist precisely. Many in the U.S. in computer science have degrees in mathemtics. It is not possible to investigate each person. Also, changes to the report will be made until the paper is proof read. |
| 09/09/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Suggests Roman Tankelevich be added to Minker report. Letter attached from Tankelevich family to probably Issak Gilyutin providing information on his family.Letter from Gilyutin to CCS forwarding Tankelevich letter and some background on Tankelevich. |
| 09/15/80 | CSFHR | Ralston | First meeting of CSFHR is 28 October in Nashville at ACM80 Attaches agenda, committee members, proposed revision on CSFHR charter re designation of signing authority, procedures for release of pubic statements, 08/18/80 memo from Denning. Has questions about 9 April 1980 document from Ralston: 1. confused on committee procedures; 2. confused on public statement; 3. not sure why he includes mail ballots or to to persuade ExCom to call special session of Council. Makes several suggestions as to what should be changed. Attaches letters by Lax Nohel to Husak re Benda and proposed draft to Husak from Ralston on behalf oc CSFHR. |

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| 09/17/80 | WCSJ | Milgrom | Excerpts from a letter from Ida Milgrom mother of Anatoly Shcharansky. Received all letters. Managed to survive last 3 years and those months after loss of her husband. Thanks to her friends who gave her hope and will to live. Thanks Susan (?) in whose home Avital found warmth and sympathy. Leonid and Ida met with Tolik on September 5. His appearance is better and he is studying languages, math and chess when he can. Anatoly depressed because letters from Avital do not always reach him. Asks dear friends to carry on their good deeds. |
| 10/02/80 | Colleagues | Blum | Lenore Blum Chair, Human Rights Comm., Assoc. for Women in Mathematics, provides information on Tatyana Velikanova. Attaches letter to Aleksandrov, Pres. USSR Acad. of Sci. requesting Academy support for Velikanova. Asks for letters to USSR in support of Velikanova. Letter to Aleksandrov 13 women mathematicians. |
| 10/13/80 | | Wash. Post NY Times | Newspaper report re Shcharansky fall. He is hospitalized with back and stomach pains. |
| 10/23/80 | Minker | Hirsch | Sends fact sheets on Velikanova and Vyacheslav Bakhmin and a letter to the editor of The NY Times from Kurt Vonnegut 12 October 1980 re Irina Grivnina. Hirsch suggested Carol Corillon of NAS be in touch with Tony Ralston. Sent paper to Leo Young and unable to find out its disposition. Wants to know whether Fu will publish Brailovsky paper. Attaches Coillon letter to Ralston (10/09/80) providing information on computer scientists Velikanova and Bakhmin and case sheets on them. |
| 10/29/80 | CACM | Meiman | Letter to the Editor who, with Andrei Sakharov three years earlier expressed gratitude for ACM support of Anatoly Shcharansky in 1977. In 1979 wrote to SOS that their help with Orlov and Shcharansky was extremely useful. Today Sakharov in exile. ACM played a telling part in the defense of Shcharansky whose fate would have been much harsher. Through ACM, deeply thanks all scientists who attend, or attempt to attend the Moscow International Scientific Symposium held in Moscow in April 1980. Has no objection to publication. Attaches vitae for Meiman NY Times article 07/11/79 article by Anthony Austin about Meiman with photo of Meiman and Sakharov in Moscow. |

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| 11/01/80 | Minker | Ralston | SFHR Committee unanimously approved publication of Minker report. Bob Ashenhurst, E-i-C of CACM at meeting so report should be accepted. Comments about changes to report. Tony revised his preface; did minor editing on report; page 3 of report edited by Val Turchin – need to move some names to “Jailed” list. Also Lehmann is now out of East Germany, hence text has to be revised; Shcharansky text needs updating; add Bakhmin and Grivnina; update Viktor Brailovsky situation; add Vaclav Benda. As soon as Minker edits report, Ralston will mail it to Ashenhurst. |
| 11/04/80 | Hulinsky | Ralston | Asks Pres. of CSSR to inform him of status of Vaclav Benda to have him returned to his position at the Czech Research Institute of Computer Science. |
| 11/04/80 | D’Auria | Ralston | Brings to the attention of the ACM Membership Chair that in 1975, ACM had 7 members South Vietnam. Today there are no members. There is no evidence that their human rights have been violated. Jan Matsler brought the information to the CSFHR. Ralston suggested that the Membership Committee make inquiries as to why they are no longer members. |
| 11/05/80 | CSFHR | Ralston | Reviews 20 October 1980 CSFHR meeting in Nashville. The major items were: 1. Mark Halpern added as member; will send ballots on matters between meetings; as general rule meetings will be at ACM annual confs. 2. Change in comm. charter approved by all; procedure for release of public statements was approved with reservations; some doubts expressed on 2/3 majority for all items to be recommended to the Exec. Council. 3. Letter re Vaclav Benda approved; publication of Minker report approved by all attendees or who expressed opinion by phone; after editorial changes, report to be sent to CACM; inquiries on South Vietnamese computer scientists to be forwarded to Membership Comm.; proposed draft letter to Soviet colleagues to be redrafted along line proposed by Val Turchin and best to be signed by as many high ACM officials as possible. 4. Idea of putting together a list of job opportunities for emigre computer scientists approved. Volunteer needed for job; no official letters written regarding non-computer professionals -special cases may be brought to ExecCom or Council; no enthusiasm expressed for a committee on Question of Importance; Committee expressed desire to President/Vice President to be involved in cryptographic controversy; case of Hungarian computer scientist discussed and Ralston to write to him. Attached Science, Vol. 209. 29 August 1980 re Cryptography controversy. SOS Release October 16, 1980, ‘7900 Scientists from 44 Countries Halt Exchange with Soviet.’ SOS Moratorium Pledge. SOS Background Information. |

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| 11/10/80 | Science | Anfinsen et al. | Courant, Flory, Pripstein and Ralston letter to Science. Agree with Wm. Carey - no action on part of American scientists affecting cooperation with Soviet scientists could be justified which increases the chances of nuclear cooperation with Soviets. But, Carey misrepresents position of SOS. At Press Conference Oct. 16, 1980 made it clear such activities not intended and do not prevent contacts between U.S. and Soviets on such matters as arms limitation or other aspects of peace. What Carey proposes is what Soviets want - brief period of activity followed by business as usual after jailing of an Orlov or a Shcharansky or the exiling Sakharov. Conclude with, 'Where human rights are concerned, principle, sound policy and the best chance of achieving meaningful detente are congruent.' |
| 11/12/80 | D'Auria | Matser | Wants to let Vietnamese members of ACM know they are not forgotten. Suggests possible places to start. Knows of human rights violations in Vietnam, although none of computer scientists. |
| 11/13/80 | | Washington Post | Viktor Brailovsky arrested today, apparently in connection with an underground journal on Jewish problems. Irina Brailovsky said Viktor was taken away after a search of their apartment. He apparently edited a journal "Jews in the USSR." |
| 11/18/80 | Rudenko | Shneiderman | Requests prompt release of Brailovsky. Same letter sent to: Brezhnev, Dobrynin, and Aleksandrov of USSR. |
| 11/18/80 | President | Shneiderman | Calling on him to protest the imprisonment of Viktor Brailovsky. Same letter sent to Muskie, President-elect Reagan, Mathias, and Spellman. |
| 11/20/78 | Colleagues | Shneiderman | Writes his colleagues about imprisonment of Viktor Brailovsky. Asks they write to Soviet and U.S. officials. Asks they spread the word about Brailovsky. |
| 11/21/80 | Leatherman Glaser | Ralston | Writes re Scientific Freedom, Human Rights and AFIPS. Hopes AFIPS has established activity in this area. Ways to support human rights are proposed. Ralston would be happy to be involved in any such action by AFIPS. |
| 11/23/80 | | Neeman | Telegram from Yuval Neeman, Tel Aviv University. "Viktor Brailovsky Applied Mathematician and Moscow Seminar Leader Arrested on November 13 Charged With Slandering the Soviet Union According Article 190 of Criminal Code Stop Trial and Prison Term Danger Exists Stop This Comes After Eight Years Viktor Irina Waiting Visa Also Assurances Received 1978 by Professor Kruskal Princeton From President Moscow University Regarding Irinas Freedom to Leave Stop Could You Please Generate Action With Publicity and Other Methods Direct Contact With Soviet Authorities Where Possible — Best Regards - Yuval Neeman" |

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| 11/25/80 | Minker | Hearn | Tony reports that Egbert Lehmann and wife immigrated to West Germany, April 1980. Visited Stanford in August and had long talk with him re his ordeal. Reports another computer scientist in Dresden, Herbert Stoyan is due to immigrate - no problems - told authorities he was not going to work there any longer. |
| 11/26/80 | SFHR | Ralston | Attaches revised letter re Soviet colleaues explaining ACM position (letter not found). Notes that one member of the committee opposes committee sponsorship. Explains his position and if letter approved he will seek Council approval and urge ACM members to write similar letters. |
| 12/02/80 | Lykos | Minker | In response to his letter re CCPP, Minker would like to be involved in its activities. Provides comments re Denning charge: believes existence of CCPP should stay clear of SFHR; authority to issue public statements - use model in SFHR; rules for member voting - poll entire membership rather than insist come to meeting - should be majority vote; cannot reply to incorporation of public info function since does not understand what it means; would be useful to publish and "problems and issues" report - needs work to do this; define and pursue other initiatives - must be defined before can be done. |
| 12/02/80 | CSFHR | Hollister | Attaches ACM Press Release re arrest of Viktor Brailovsky. "ACM Protests the Arrest of Soviet Scientist Viktor Brailovsky." State that 'Scientific cooperation between the ACM and your country will continue to be impossible as long as human rights of scientis like Viktor Brailovsky are violated.' Signed by Peter J. Denning, Pres. ACM. In February 1979, the ACM Council severed all institutional connections with agencies of the Soviet Union because of its systematic violations of free interchange of scientific information. The arrest of Brailovsky demonstrates that no change in the official attitude has occurred. ACM will not cooperate with Soviet agencies till such a change occurs. |
| 12/02/80 | Schriber | Minker | Responding to Bernie Galler's letter of 11/07/80 that attached letter from Schriber about Professor Fainberg. Minker asks for details about Fainberg for his forthcoming CACM report. suggests he continue to write Fainberg - send registered mail, return receipt. Schreiber letter of 11/02/80 attached. |

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| 12/04/80 | News | CCS | CCS News Release, "Mounting Oppression of Soviet Scientists Protested at International Pattern Recognition Conference." Support for Viktor Brailovsky at the 5th Int. Conf. on Pattern Recognition, censured Soviet authorities on human rights. Panel session on "In Response to the Arrest of Viktor Brailovsky was co-chaired by Prof. Herb Freeman Prof. Jack Sklansky. Text of letter to Acad. Aleksandrov, signed by over 100 conferees attached to announcement. |
| 12/05/06 | Brezhnev | Gluckstern | Speaks as Prof. of Physics not Chancellor of UMD. Is distressed at arrest of Viktor Brailovsky. Both US and USSR are strong enough to tolerate criticism. |
| 12/08/80 | Newman | Minker | Note attached on memo to Ruth Newman, WCSJ to Tony Ralston, 12/14/90 states, 'Here are corrections made by Ruth Newman of the WCSJ. I have incorporated corrections to the report. I received her material on the weekend after I called you.' |
| 12/09/80 | Lebowitz | PS | PS (author only listed initials of Inst. For Teoretisk Fysikk, Trondheim, Norway and Eivind Osnes, Pres. of Norwegian visited Moscow, Dec. 5-7. They went to Brailovsky apt. Irina's mother told them that Irina was visiting Viktor in exile for two weeks. Gave impression of the refuseniks they visited, 'spirit now was somewhat low.' Provided a great deal of news about the refusenik scientists in Moscow. |
| 12/09/80 | News | CCS | News Release CCS, 'American Scientific Community Up-In-Arms Over Growing USSR Abuse of Colleagues.' Participants at a press conference in NYC at NY Academy of Scientists voiced hope that sustained protests will forestall Brailovsky being brought to trial. Showing solidarity with Soviet colleagues, by launching Sunday Scientific Seminars "in exile" across the U.S., announced by Prof. Mark Kac. First Seminar "in exile" held November 30, 1980, in Washington, D.C, home of Dr. Maxine Singer, Chief, Lab of Biochemistry, National Cancer Institute. Meetings to be held in NYC, Pittsburgh, New Brunswick, Chicago, Seattle, Berkeley, Boston, San Diego and other cities. News of other protests also discussed in the News Release. |
| 12/09/80 | Ralston | Denning | Provides response to letter to Soviet "colleagues" dated 26th November. He liked the tone of the letter, but notes that since ACM Council has cut off official actions with the Soviets, would have to get explicit approval of letter from Council. Worried about press release does not believe it necessary and would detract from power of a large number of personal letters. |

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| 12/10/80 | News | CCS | CCS News, "One Thousand Leading Scientists Appeal to Madrid Delegates on Behalf of Soviet Colleagues" American scientists marked Int. Human Rights Day by urging reps. of govts. to press Soviet Union to release beleaguered colleagues. Among signees were 26 Nobel Laureates, 320 members of Nat. Acad. of Arts and Sciences and Nat. Acad. of Eng, as well as Amer. Physical Soc. NY Acad. of Science and other scientific societies. Petition to Delegates attached-953 scientists sign. |
| 12/16/80 | Kampelman | Ralston | Attaches early copy of the CACM '81 report in the hope it may be of use at the Madrid conference. |
| 12/17/80 | Ashenhurst | CASJ | Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry encloses a letter from Naum Meiman directed to him. Confident ACM will publish it. Recent arrest of Viktor Brailovsky and actions against Moscow seminar gives urgency to Meiman's request for long-term pressure. No copy of Meiman letter found in Minker's files. |
| 12/18/80 | Ralston | CASJ | Encloses a copy of 12/17/80 letter to Ashenhurst and Meiman letter to editor. Asks him to use the Meiman correspondence in connection with Brailovsky arrest. |
| 12/22/80 | News | CCS | "Rutgers Invites Scientist Brothers Awaiting Permission To Leave The USSR For Nine Years." Drs. Grigory and Isai Goldstein, metrologists invited to lecture at Rutgers. Discusses travails of the Goldstein brothers. |
| 12/30/80 | Ralston | Denning | Letter to Soviet Colleagues (SFHR Committe). Previous letter dealt more with procedure than substance of letter as pointed out by Michael Harrison. Believes letter is not appropriate since official position of ACM is not to have dealings with the Soviet authorities. Believes if Ralston wants to personally write to his colleagues he is free to do so, but not on behalf of the ACM. Letters to Soviet Colleagues attached. |
| 12/31/80 | Ralston | Harrison | As one of his committee members he would vote against sending the letter. Basis of letter is to explain ACM position. Thrust of letter is to remind Soviets that we don't want further contact with them. Believes ACM has a reasonable policy now. |
| 12/31/80 | | CSFHR | Draft Proposal on Soviet Institutional Subscriptions to ACM Journals. CSFHR recommends to ACM Council that institutional subscriptions to Soviet Union be cancelled pending assurance that libraries will be will be open to all individuals. Minker comment on draft, 'Can easily avoid. An individual in the library could subscribe. How do you police this? What is the exchange policy?' |
| 12/31/80 | Mandelbaum | Lynn | Stuart Lynn, Chair Publications Board ACM wrote to Executive Editor. Noted latest issue of CR received some pubs from USSR presumably for reviewing. Asked if it is consistent with Council's resolution on cooperative arrangements with institutions in Soviet Union. Asks for advice on exact status of exchange. |