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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
01/05/81	Ralston	Leatherman	Informs Ralston that he searched Exec. Comm. and Board Meetings re a statement on Scientific Freedom, Human Rights and AFIPS and did not find a statement. Will place it on the agenda of Exec. Comm. meeting Jan. 26.
01/07/81		Jewish Week	Photo on p.1 of rally near White House by thousands on last day of Hanukah protesting Leningrad trial.
01/07/81	Lynn	Mandelbaum	Re memo by Lynn concerning CR review of Soviet pubs. Although receive pubs. for review from USSR have not participated in any exchange program with them since Feb. 1979 Council resolution.
01/08/81	Denning	Ralston	Replies to Denning letter of 30 Dec. 1980. Re silence: ACM suspended "corporate agreements" with Soviets - no no commitment to "silence." Agrees that he has no right to "institutionalize" his point of view, nor does he have intention to do so. Has every intention to try to persuade his committee and then Council of soundness of his views. It is misleading to say ACM policy toward Soviet Union specifically states no intention to interfere with rights of individuals to communicate with Soviet colleagues. his intention is to urge them not to do so. Should ask for Council approval. In response to comments by comm. members on letter, redrafting letter to make clearer distinction between previous action and the letter. Will be on Comm. agenda in St. Louis.
01/08/81	Lynn	Ralston	Requested copy of mailing labels for journal subscriptions to Soviet Union. Received copy of labels 43 were for libraries, rest not interpretable if they are libraries. draft proposal sent re subscriptions is not irrelevant. Will place matter on Comm. agenda in St. Louis. Asks Lynn his feelings.

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01/15/81	Harrison	Ralston	Re Harrison letter 31 Dec. 1980. Interprets Harrison as saying Soviet gov't so beastly it is dangerous for a citizen to stand against its policy and attempt to have Soviet colleagues do so is a) doomed to failure or b) putting unreasonable pressure on other human being. Only pressure (e.g. limiting computer sales) will "hurt" Soviets. Ralston not opposed to "external pressure" but it is not "only" way. No way to know that a) is doomed to failure. Disagrees with b) since important Soviet colleagues don't take position of Germans after WW II - did not know what was going on or did what they could in face of "brutal and dictatorial government."
01/16/78	Ralston	Lynn	Agrees with Ralston letter of 01/08/80 should be discussed in St. Louis. Would like Ralston to be at Pub. Board meeting.
01/30/81	CSFHR	Ralston	Agenda for 02/25/81 meeting in St. Louis. 1. Admin. items, 2. Letter to Soviet colleagues - revised draft attached. Ballot on letter: 3 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstention. 3. Policy on Soviet Inst. Subscripts to Journal. 4. AFIPS-IFIP Human Rights. 5. Info. items - Status of Minker report; Public Crypt. Comm. status; 1981-82 Budget; Query re Vietnam Comp. Scientists; response to Brailovsky arrest; Meiman letter; Iraqi questionnaire. Draft letter to Soviet colleagues-cannot in good conscience do scientific business when colleagues in USSR jailed, dismissed from positions, harassed. Cites cases and urges they intercede with their government on behalf of colleagues. Proposed Charter CSFHR attached. Report: Computer Scientists Whose Human Rights Have Been Violated. Draft Report: CS Whose HR Violated with Ralston Preface - with Minker editorial comments. Minker handwritten 2 pages of additions and deletions to next report
02/19/81	Colleague	Gottesman etal	Discuss problems of Brailovsky's. Viktor held incommunicado in Moscow prison since November 13, 1980. After applying for exit visa in 1972, Irina dismissed. Acad. Lobunov verified to her privately that she never conducted classified work. Request letters sent to Acad. Anatoly Logunov, Rector, Moscow State University.

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02/20/81	Colleague	James Jones	Calgary University. Encloses material prepared by well-known logician Gregory Minc who works at the Steklov Institute. He was promoted to Senior researcher in September 1980 and voluntarily resigned to apply for emigration to Israel. He did not want to make trouble for his then superior, Shanin. One factor was his difficulties in getting his daughter, Anna, admitted to Leningrad State University. He cites an example of one such problem she had to do in a short period of time: to determine which of the following was larger, integral from $-\pi/2$ to $+\pi/2$ of e to the power $-\cos^2 x$ or $\pi/2$ (she solved problem using e to the power x $\int_{-1}^{+1} (1+x)^x dx$). Was only Jew admitted to LSU in Math-Mech. His application severely disrupted his life since relatives refused to go through with his emigration. Minc's wife decided not to emigrate and they divorced. His wife relented later and they are now together. It is unclear what he is going to do next.
02/22/81		Jerusalem Post	Zion Yosef Mandelovich arrived in Israel after release from jail. Part of 'Leningrad group' who failed to flee to west in aircraft.
02/26/81		Rojas	Federico E. Alvarez Rojas, Buenos Aires, Argentina, asks letter be sent to the Pres. of Argentina on behalf of Federico Eduardo Alvarez Rojas, Jr. and his wife Hilda Garcicla Ieikis de Alvarez Rojas. Both were abducted 10/01/76 by a heavily armed gang who raided their home, forsaking their 3 children. They overturned everything in the house and stole items including their car. Rojas, Jr. was a physicist at the National Univ., Buenos Aires. Mrs. Rojas was a teacher and a scientific computer person who worked at BAIRESCO (S.A.) Burroughs. Five pages attached. Page 1 (dated October 1978). Personal data on the Rojas', The Assault, Confidential Data, Proceedings and other actions, Note 1: Rojas, Jr. was offered MIT Visiting Research Scientist position, Note 2: Mrs. Rojas began a claim against the state when she was dismissed by an antisemitic official shortly before abduction. Page 2. (dated 16/12/77) REPORT on the antisemitic efforts by a Miss Alicia Celina Rodriguez Trelles who caused the dismissal. Page 3 (04/18/78 (REPORT) on disposal of Mrs. Rojas' claim. The judge decided on behalf of the claimant. The State appealed and the original sentence was upheld by the Nation's Supreme Court on 02/07/77 (the couple was abducted October 1976.). Page 4 (04/18/78) Compelling story of what happened 42 days after abduction by visitor to Rojas, SR.'s house by a woman whose son had shared a prison cell with Rojas, Jr. and had just been released. Page 5. (04/07/78) from Buenos Aires Herald. Reports one of scientists adopted by NAS is Rojas, Jr., whose great uncle was famous writer Ricardo Rojas and Related to Admiral Isaac-Francisco Rojas, former Vice-Pres., Argentina, and a leader of the Liberating Revolution of 1955. His father is a scientist and author in the tradition of the Rojas family.

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03/02/81	CSFHR	Ralston	Minutes of St. Louis Mtg. Summarizes status agenda items. 1. Letter to Soviet Colleagues - Council not in favor of letter. Might do it on an informal basis by CSFHR. If done will assure it is not official ACM. 2. Soviet subscriptions to ACM Journals. Turchin convinced him would have little effect-dropping idea. 3. AFIPS-IFIP Human Rights. Expects invitation to May AFIPS Board meeting and will go if invited. 4. Minker report to appear in 04/81 issue. 5. No progress on Vietnamese computer scientists. Other items: Attached 02/19/81 letter by CCS cochairs Gottesman et al.; memo Ralston to Weinstein re Iraqi letter. CSFHR members suggest publication of Iraqi letter not enough (no copy in files.)
03/03/81	Minker	Drell	Invitation to international conference to recognize Andrei Sakharov's scientific contributions and to express admiration and support for his courageous and outspoken leadership in human rights cause. Sakharov to be 60 years old on 05/21/81. Conference to be held May 1/2, 1981 at Rockefeller Center.
03/10/81	Ralston	Minker	Reactions to CSFHR minutes. 1. Letter to Soviet colleagues-agree with decision; 2. Turchin correct re Soviet subscriptions; AFIPS-IFIP HR-great; Minker report-will draft letters for Ralston to send to people; No comment re Vietnamese people; Letter from Irina-great if Denning signed letter Ralston drafted; agrees with Iraqi letter supporting memberships - good idea; "Adopting" people on Minker list would be super.
03/11/81*		Sov. Jew Comm.	Shcharansky spent two weeks in solitary confinement in harsh conditions. Update on Brailovsky investigation.
03/16/81*		NY Times	Anthony Austin article. Irina Brailovsky threatened with exile if continues to use her apartment for seminars. Brailovsky was arrested Nov. 13 on charges of "willful defamation of the Soviet state and social system." Message delivered by Vladimir Ivanovich Molokov, deputy chair exec comm of Moscow City Council. Claims neighbors unhappy.
03/20/81		Science	Article on p. 1327 by Colin Norman "U.S. Scientists Protest Argentine Arrests."
03/27/81	Ralston	Minker	Enclosed suggested letter to President Reagan et al; news item for release by ACM; proposed letter by Ralston to gov. officials; several other items supposedly attached not in files.
03/??/81			Draft undated letter to Soviet colleagues re personal decision to terminate scientific contact with Soviet colleagues while human rights violations against other Soviet scientists persist.

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04/ /81		The Institute	Newsletter IEEE, V.5, N.4, P. 7. Two articles of interest: 1. Transactions accepts paper of Soviet computer scientist shortly before his arrest. Reports on Brailovsky paper and says, Minker helped Brailovsky edit the paper, had wired the author in Moscow of paper's acceptance, and received acknowledgement from Brailovsky on Dec. 8, 1980. Five days later, Dr. Minker received a wire from Irina informing him of author's arrest for "defaming the Soviet state and public order." 2. "Official exchange with Soviets still banned" Both IEEE and National Academy of Sciences continuing indefinite bans on official exchanges with the Soviet Union, though individual contacts are not affected.
04/01/81	Minker	Armer	Congratulates Minker on publication of human rights report.
04/02/81	Minker	Guthery	Scott B. Guthery protests publication of 1981 CACM report on human rights, "... for all reasons that self-righteous folks like yourself choose to ignore when you when you force-feed others your palaver." No evidence in report that people listed are anything but common criminals.
04/03/81	Minker	Caplain	Responds to CACM March '81 article. Reports that Western countries are also complicit in human rights violations. Discusses the case of Dr. Traian M. Untean, a Roumanian, who was a respected scientist at IMAG Lab, Grenoble, France starting 1969. On July 16, 1979, returning from visit to Professor Hoare's Oxford Lab, he was arrested, charged with spying and locked in a jail near Paris, where he was still awaiting trial after 20 months. A six day long "questioning" session left him with an injured cervical vertebrae. His charge related to sending unclassified IMAG reports to Roumania (there are no classified documents at IMAG. Speculates on possible reasons other than that mentioned. Caplain asks that I extend my cautious watch over Western countries as well as known repressive regimes.
04/05/81	Amnesty Int.	Wolf	J. Jay Wolf enclosed Minker article to letter to Amnesty Int. Says to AI that ACM should publish information that AI has
04/07/81	Minker	Ralston	Responds to Minker re distributing March CACM report. 1. Will send Reagan letter. 2. Will be at ACM Hq. and will try to get news release then. 3. Letter to people in report is fine. 4. Suggests accumulate letters re report and send to Ashenhurst for possible publication. 5. Fine re ltter to congressmen, etc.
04/14/81	Ralston	Minker	Encloses two letters from Wolf-no response needed and from Caplain. Asks how to proceed with individual named by . Caplain. Minker knew source of information on individuals in report. Knows neither Caplain or Rumanian cited. Should we write to French Embassy? Should inform Caplain if that is what we are going to do.

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04/16/81	CCS	Veklerov	Letter re CACM March 1981 report. Worked at same Inst. as Lerner and Kimelfeld. Inst. bought large scale computer from British firm ICL (series 4) in early 70s on condition it be used only for unclassified work. "However, the high security-related refusal rate seems to suggest Institute is heavily involved in such applications. Suggest s inquiry to British government.Says Kimelfeld does not have Ph.D. Asks help for his sister, Larissa V. Kopchenova, who has an M.S. degree in econ. works as computer scientist in Moscow. she and her 16 year old son denied exit visas-her former husband refuses to acknowledge he has no claims against her (he fears reprisals if he does). Does not want his name mentioned re Inst since it may jeopardize his relatives.
04/17/81	Guthery	Denning	Responds to Guthery letter, 04/02/81, protesting publication of CACM March 1981 article and use for political purposes. Says "The membership has spoken on this topic and said "NO!" How does a self-righteous minority override this decision?" Dennig reviews 1969 vote of ACM members (4:1) against proposition ACM Const. be amended to take stands on social issues. Denning's sense is that members are more sympathetic to human rights issues than to blatant political issues. Knows no way how to prevent ACM from publishing report, except by voting people into office. Current administration is interested in scientific strength, not political issues. Asks if Gutherey wants his letter published in Forum or how Gutherey might suggest settling the issue with a referendum. Gutherey letter attached. Ralston note to Minker attached.
04/21/81	Lerner	Minker	Sends CACM March 1981 report. Thanks him for his gift Tony Ralston broughtback from his visit to him.
04/23/81	Minker	Hirsch	Forwarded Veklerov letter of 04/16/81. Suggests ACM follow up on suspicion that Moscow Inst. used British computer for classified work. Hirsch says claim might be inaccurate since Lerner refusal on security pertained to work prior to 1964. Attached Current Status of Prof. Alexander Lerner (8/79-listing 1964 date).
04/23/81	Weinstein	Ralston	Letter and Press Related to March CACM Committee Report. Attaches letter to be sent to Administration, and press release.
04/29/81*	Hirsch	Hatch	Thanks for the ACM March 1981 HR Report. Distributing letter to Labor and Human Resources Comm.
04/??/81	Embassies	Ralston	Letter sent to Embassies of German DemocraticRepublic; Czechoslovakian Mission to UN; Argentina; USSR informing them there was at least one individual on the list of computer scientists whose rights were violated. They were informed that if there were any inaccuracies in our report, we would make changes at the earliest date.

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04/??/81	Minker	Sipos	Undated letter, approx. 04/81. He is an ACM member since 1974. Ivan Sipos is a Romanian citizen. He is Jewish, not a Communist party member. Has two brothers who live abroad. He and wife filed for emigration to U.S., 9/27/80. Professor, Polytechnic Univ. of Bucharest starting 1963 and a founder of Computer Science Department. Banned from teaching 12/80 and given menial job. Has M.A. degree UC Berkeley in CSe and Ph.D. from Polytech. Inst. Bucharest. Wife has Ph.D. in librarianship(?) and was dismissed. Asks for help to emigrate and suggests letters to various senators and organizations. Gives his brother's address and Prof. Herb Baskin, Berkeley as reference. Doesn't want name disclosed as information source
05/ /81*		Eric Stover	Article by editor and human rights coordinator, Comm. Sci. Freedom and Human Rights, AAAS Civil Engineering, p.50-52, "Support urged for persecuted engineers." Reviews Amer. Soc. Civil Eng. (ASCE) role in human rights, and situation in Argentina, USSR, and Iraq for engineers. Mentions one person from each of these countries. Says can obtain complete list from AAAS. Major sec. an ASCE and Human Rights.
05/07/81	Minker	Pripstein	Thanks Jack for sending March 1981 ACM Report. American Physical Society is aware of report and probably will be influenced by it. "Keep up the great work!"
05/08/81	Alexandrov	Denning	Concerned about Anatoly Shcharansky's health and asks him to make inquiries as to his health. Assures Alexandrov his letter is private. Believes Shcharansky release will create badly need in improvement with American computer scientists.
05/08/81	Minker	Hirsch	Received phone call from friend of Leonid Volvovsky cited in report. Friend provided update information on Volvovsky. Enclosed copies of correspondence regarding March 1981 report. Believes Minker should answer Veklerov.
05/27/81	Hirsch	Fascell	Dante B. Fascell, Chair Comm. Sec. and Coop. in Europe thanks CCS for ACM March 1981 report. "The publication is excellent and will be a useful addition to the Commission materials on prisoners of conscience and refuseniks." Says Velikanova was never a member of Mosow Hesinki Group. Updates condition of Osipova. Received info on Soviet mathematician Aleksandr Bolonkin imprisoned because involved with Chronicle of Current Events. Action requested to support Bolonkin. Attaches Bolonkin appeal by Sakharov, 05/03/81.
05/30/81*		Lerner	Return receipt. Received letter posted 04/22/81.
06/ /81		AAAS	Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights publication, "Scientists and Human Rights in Argentina Since 1976." 67 pp. Appendix B lists 60 Argentinian scientists whose human rights violated. Appendix E has Universal Declaration of Human Rights of UN, December 10, 1948.

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06/08/81	Ralston	Press	Pres.-Elect NAS Frank Press thanks Ralston for keeping him up to date on ACM acts re sci. freedom and human rights. Interested and devoted to issue and will see that NAS plays a significant role through its own committee on this matter. Note by Ralston to Minker attaches responses about report.
06/08/81	Ralston	Baldrige	Sec. of Commerce has forwarded his correspondence to appropriate agency for reply.
06/08/81	Hirsch	Moynihan	Thanks Hirsch for March 1981 ACM HR report. "I am glad I have it and I anticipate it will prove to be of use."
06/ /81		CCS	Vitae of Leonid Volvovsky (dated 06/79).
06/12/81	Hirsch	Zablocki	Cong. Clement J. Zablocki, Wisc., Chair Foreign Affairs Comm. Thanks CCS for March 1981 ACM report. Forwards copy of report to Hon. Don Bonker, Chair Subcomm. on Human Rights and Int. Orgs for his info.
06/15/80	Ralston	Fry	Military Asst. to Vice President thanks him for letter re human rights for computer scientists. VP appreciates receiving letter and forwarding to Dept. of State.
06/16/81	CCS, SOS	Callen	Earl Callen believes it is time "... to take the initiative in encouraging a deal with the Russians, and to end endorsement of the boycott." Provides reasons and asks for response.
06/30/81	CACM	Gilb	Tom Gilb of Norway asks publication of a letter he wrote for the CACM on the plight of Haim Kilov. Copy forwarded to Ashenhurst, McCracken, Ralston, Minker. Asks ACM members to write and send Kilov technical papers.
07/07/81	Ashenhurst	PV Swaminath	Applauds March ACM CACM report. Proposes manufacturers who 'misuse' computers to deny human rights also be noted. Cites Argentina. Believes ACM should do something in this area.
07/10/81		Callen	All response to boycott letter were positive. Proposes several ideas as to how to implement: several scientists meet with scientific attache (e.g. one from SOS, CCS, Computer Science) or ask a senator (who?) to meet with Dobrynin.
07/22/81	Argentina	Arrow	Kenneth J. Arrow, Nobel Laureate, writes to President of Argentina on behalf of Federico E. Alvarez Roja and wife Hilda Graciela Leikis who disappeared. Hopes to hear favorable news about the Rojas's.

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07/24/81	Minker	Hirsch	Sends address and phone of a new refusenik programmer, Ilian Hasin, a Doctor of Science and his wife, Victoria.
08/04/81	D'Auria	Ralston	Disturbed D'Auria never received a response to Membership Committee re the status of our former Vietnamese members.
08/04/81	Minker	Rojas	Received Minker letter of April 21, 1981. Thanks him for letter. Provides info. re Robert Ardito. Has no news about his son and daughter-in-law. Disturbed with the euphemism used in U.S.: authoritarian governments. In "Argentina enduring a nightmare which true name is a bloodthirsty dictatorship with thousands of exiled people, thousands of dismissed people, thousands of people in jails during years without charges, thousands of people killed, thousands of tortured people, near thirty thousands disappeared people (more than a hundred of them are aged between seven years and three months, more than a thousand of pregnant young women). An actual genocide, you see.'
08/14/81	Veklerov	Minker	Minker will make change he suggested re Boris Kimmelfeld in his next report and will include his sister, Larisa Kpechenova on his list.
08/14/81	Minker	Kilov	Thanks him for letter of July 24 and reprint of paper. Discusses technical matters. Requests Minker send him some of his papers.
08/24/81	Ralston	Minker	Encloses Rojas letter concerning son and daughter-in-law. Hopes we can get our letter writing campaign going since it may help in this and other cases.
08/31/81		USSR News Brief	Report No. 16 1981. Covers material on USSR human rights. Material on Kovalyov and wife Osipova related to computer science and many others.

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09/04/81	Minker	Calvo	<p>Adonina Matide Calvo wrote concerning her nephew Roberto Ardito. "We are greatly thanked to you because of the information you have given us about our nephew, Roberto Ardito. It is the first report we have received since we have begun to look for him, his wife and his sister. (new para.) The date of his disappearance is wrong, because he was taken from his house on the night of 13th October 1976, and not on the night of the 10th as you put in your letter. He was not taken alone. His wife, Atalinda Coma was taken with him. At that moment she was employed in a French Film Company, as the manager's secretary. (new para.) Beatriz Ardito, Robert's sister, was taken from her house on the same night. She was (excuse us because as we do not know how to translate it, we write it in Spanish), "Professora de ensenanza normal y expecial en Ciencias de la Education". (new para.) All they were taken from their houses by men who said to be policemen. We know this because we were with Beatriz when she was abducted. Roberto's mother-in-law told us that the men who took them said to belong to police. Roberto and his wife were in their house with their two daughters (9 and 11 years old at that moment) when the men arrived. They reached the house with Atalinda's mother, left her there to take care of the girls and hurried to out with our nephew and niece, (new para.) We can only tell you that we have gone to every place we had to go to look for them, but with unsuccessful results, (new para.) We would like you to send us all the information you can obtain concerning to him. (new para.) We are going to send you two of this letter, one from Spain and the other from here because we fear that the letter can be opened before leaving Argentina. (new para.) We are Roberto's aunts, we are 83 and 73 years old, and the only thing we want to see them alive, because they are the only relatives we have. (new para.) Thank you for everything you have been doing for our nephew. (new para.) Very faithfully and respectfully yours, Adonina Matide Calvo."</p>
09/13/81	Minker	Lubarsky	<p>Thanks him for the March 1981 HR Report. 'It's very good indeed.' Recommends he obtain USSR News Briefs to keep up to date on violations.</p>

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09/14/81		Precis	UMD publication, Vol. 12, No. 3, page 1 article, 'UM Computer Expert Heads NSF Committee' Computer departments at major American universities will benefit in the future as the result of an advisory committee headed by UMCP computer professor Jack Minker. the profesor of computer science has been reappointed as Chairman of the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee on Computer Science, which recommends policy matters to the NSF. Under Minker's leadership, several important initiatives have been recommended to the NSF and have already been implemented. Two recommendations already instituted: an Experimental Computer Program intended to give large grants for multiple years to enhance experimental research and permit outstanding departments to obtain modern computer equipment; and a Distributed Communication Network intended to provide communication between departments of computer science throughout the U.S. In addition, says Minker, the committee has made major recommendations to the NSF concerning research to support cryptology.
09/ /81		Gulag	Photo of Andrei Sakharov and several others. On other side map of USSR concentration camps, prisons and psychiatric prisons by Michael Makarenko former Soviet political prisoner.
09/16/81	CSFHR	Ralston	Computers Used for the Suppression of Human Rights. Discusses Swaminath proposal on publishing list of those using computers to suppress human rights. Discusses traps and guidelines. Asks for comments. Attaches Swaminath letter of 07/07/81; Ashenhurst letter 07/27/81; Ralston letter 08/03/81; Swaminath response 08/31/81. Swaminath provides reponse to Ralston letter and attaches A PROPOSAL to be considered by CSFHR. The substance of the proposal is: 1. Make a list of countries/orgs. possibly committing the crime and 2. Send the list of black-listed countries/orgs. to manufacturers and request they avoid sale of machines to these clients.
09/19/81	Minker	Kilov	Thanks Minker for March 1981 ACM HR Report. "You can imagine how glad we are to get such letters as yours, this is probably one of the rare things which relieves us from almost complete despair as for the time being there seems to be not too much hope. Perhaps the only hope lies in the activities of colleagues from abroad as the 'persons concerned' here seem to be rather vulnerable to computer science 'exchange'." Discusses his plight in detail. Letter delivered by S.B. whose name I do not know, who delivered it from his friend Haim Kilov, as noted on a card attached with letter. Author of letter's name deleted.

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09/22/81	Ralston	Minker	Encloses letter from Adonia Matide Calvo, aunt of Roberto Ardito. 'It makes one want to cry.' Asks if Ralston if worth while for CSFHR to subscribe to Lubarsky USSR News Brief.
09/25/81		Minker	Handwritten notes of NIH Seminar by Dr. Igor Makarov, Soviet Sci. Attache. "Soviet Science Policy".
09/26/81	Ralston	Kilinsky	Victoria Kilinsky, M.D. wrote to express concern for her cousin Valery Bychovsky. Refused a second time and in desperate condition. Kilinsky won the "Wiener Award" He sent his paper illegally from Russia. Award certificate attached. Asks for moral support for him.
09/26/81		NY Times	"Soviet Scientist's Candor Earns U.S. Praise." by Robert Rheinhold reports on meeting at NIH by Dr. Igor Makarov, Soviet Scientific Attache who spoke on Soviet Science Policy. Letter-to-Editor by Jack Minker on back page of article, of 10/12/81, "Misdirected Candor of the Soviet Embassy's Science Attache," counters so-called 'candor' in the news article.
10/01/81*		Minker	Drafts of Minker letter to NY Times "On a Soviet Scientist's Comments.' Quote not included in 10/05/81 letter in NY Times, 'What perhaps exhibits more candor on the part of Dr. Makarov is the brief conversation I had with him following the meeting. Dr. Makharov in answer to questions by other individuals had stated that the Soviet Union was not going to alter its scientific or governmental policies because of outside interference of scientists. I stated that he had the wrong perception of U.S. scientists. My colleagues are not interested in changing either Soviet government or Soviet scientific policies. What we are concerned with is that the Soviet government abide by their own laws and international laws. It is the right of every scientist (or individual) in the Soviet Union to emigrate. I noted that the refuseniks simply wanted to leave the Soviet Union, they did not want to change the government. Why were they not permitted to do so? With the utmost candor, Dr. Makarov stated, "Why are you so interested in certain scientists of German origin? Dr. Makarov's candid statement makes it clear that certain scientists of German origin . . ." have no future in the Soviet Union. Is there any reason why they wish to leave? The only wonder is why the Soviet Union who has no interest in scientists not of "Russian origin wishes to keep them in the Soviet Union.
10/05/81	NY Times	Minker	Letter, 'On a Soviet Scientist's Candor,' submitted for publication and published 10/21/81.

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10/07/81		Chronicle	Article by Malcolm G. Scully, 'Soviet Attache Submits to Questions on Plight of Dissident Scientists.' Provides balanced article on the NIH lecture and discussion by Igor Makarov, Scientific Attache to Soviet Embassy. "Igor Makarov, science attache of Soviet embassy, did not convince audience of more than 100 that his government was blameless in its treatment of the dissidents, nor did he even try. But he answered the questions candidly and gave a strong defense of his government and its policies. Discussed Minker's question and Makarov's response.
10/12/81		Selzer	C&EN article by Richard Seltzer, "Soviet science attache confronts critics at NIH" Excellent discussion of NIH seminar by Dr. Igor Makarov, Soviet scientific attache.
10/12/81	Minker	Ralston	Suggests we update Minker's HR Report and asks if he is it willing to do again. Writes, 'Congratulations on your letter in the Times this morning.'
10/12/81	CSFHR	Ralston	Proposes to shuffle the membership since not everyone has been active. Personal comment to Minker is that the memo was not intended for him.
10/12/81	CSFHR	Ralston	Reiterated his in contrast to Swaminath's proposal. Either he or someone he will draft will draft a policy with due speed.
10/17/81	Lebowitz	Brailovsky	Expresses his great gratitude for his efforts during the year, a very difficult time for him and his family. Things did not turn out well, but it could have been worse. Now in exile in Beinev a small town of about 10,000. Continuing scientific work, which he also did in prison and has new and interesting results. Scientific study has been a remedy to get away from horrible reality, to restore his spirit. Enclosed (not in Minker's files) final version of paper. Suggests it be sent to an engineering journal, e.g. "Pattern Recognition" or Trans. IEEE Pattern Analysis and Machine Intellect" or to a conference. Would consider other possibilities. Maybe Prof. Jack Minker will agree to do this paper as he did his other paper. "It is usual kind of injustice: to give new portion of job as a reward for well done previous one." Irinia near by him now.
10/25/81	Shneiderman	Kilov	A 10 page letter describing the technical work he is doing in data bases.

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10/19/81	List	Ralston	Letters to computer scientists whose human rights have been violated. Asks those on list if they would be willing to correspond with individuals on the March ACM Human Rights Report and if they are already in contact with those in the report. Those on list are: Fran Allen, Michael Brodie, G. Estrin, N. Findler, H. Freeman, B. Galler, S. Gerhart, A. Hearn, E. Horowitz, M. Krane, D. Loveland, D. McCracken, N. Nilsson, J. Pearl, B. Rosen, S. Shapiro, B. Shneiderman, T. Sterling, P. Szolovitz. Attaches names with whom individuals might correspond.
10/29/81	Minker	Lerner-Levin	Enjoyed meeting Minker in Washington and thanks him for suggestions regarding her father and her meeting with Frank Press. "I feel that my meeting with Dr. Press went well, and that hopefully all of our efforts will be fruitful." Thanks Minker for all he has done on her family's behalf.
10/31/81		USSR News Brief	Report No. 20 1981 31 October 1981. p.3. discusses L. Sheffer, engineer who was teaching Hebrew. Sheffer is Zelichonk's cousin.
10/ /81		NY Times	Editorial by Anthony Lewis, "Not Going to Jerusalem." Reports on interview he had with Alexander Lerner and other refuseniks in Moscow. Provides some conjectures as to why the Soviets might not want to release Lerner or other Soviet Jews.
10/ /81	VIGIL	WCSJ	Vol. 60 of VIGIL. Info about refuseniks. Shcharansky's mother reports he is in a hospital bed. Fluctuating blood pressure and other ailments.

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11/01/81	Ralston	Minker	Responds to Ralston letter 10/12/81. Once a year to update HR ACM report is too often. Would do it again. Issue of computers used to suppress human rights must be handled carefully. Sale of a computer should not be our concern. We will become another UN passing resolutions that have no meaning. Will we stop sales to South Africa, Argentina, CIA, Israel, and everyone's favorite scapegoat. However, when proven that a computer has been misused to suppress human rights, then we have a legitimate role. The U.S. Army keeping civilian records is one such abuse. What ACM does should be thought out carefully.
11/05/81	Harrison	Ralston	Replies to Michael Harrison letter of 10/25/81 attached. Harrison wants Ivan Havel (brother of playwright and dissident) added to SFHR list. Havel received PhD from Berkeley in 1971. Jim Thatcher, a mutual friend, visited and talked to Havel. there is danger that Havel will be tried on a trumped-up charge. includes material on Havel written by Thatcher. Ralston says the we will add Havel to the list, but asks Harrison if Havel wants the publicity. Assumes it is OK.
11/13/81	Minker	Ralston	Believes once a year for report is correct frequency. Attaches correspondence from Mike Harrison. Attaches material on V.K. Bykovsky. Suggests Mark Reitman be added to report. He has ordered USSR News Brief, will read it and send it to me. Re computers and suppression of human rights. Agrees should avoid sale of computer questions, should be very general, and as Minker noted, if we could show computers used to suppress human rights anywhere, we could perform a legitimate service. Wants to do no more than draft guidelines.
11/15/81		USSR News Brief	No. 21 1981. Info on p.6, I. Grivnina exiled to SSR. Kokchetsavkaya and husband V. Neplekovich joined her. p.7. discusses Viktor Fulmakht, electronics engineer and Vladimir Kuravsky, computer engineer, Hebrew teachers who were told to stop teaching or face exile.
11/16/81	Minker	Ralston	Asks Minker to archive USSR News Briefs. Notes that we may have some names misspelled in March 1981 report as note in item 19-28 and 19-29 of enclosed USSR News Brief No. 19 1981, 10/15/81.

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11/16/81	CSFHR	Ralston	Announces membership change and status of current/ongoing projects. 1. Minker list to be updated in next few months. 2. Little response re correspondence with individuals on Minker list. 3. Computers used for suppression of human rights being pursued gingerly--strong opposition from ACM hierarchy. 4. Ralston is pursuing committee statement on need for CSFHR.
11/16/81	Ralston	Shneiderman	Responds to Ralston 10/19/81 letter re corresponding with refuseniks. Ben has been corresponding with Haim Kilov as has Michael Brodie and Tom Gilb. He cannot handle others.
11/26/81	AAAS	U. Washington	Physicist sends material re: Arrest and Torture of Faculty Members at the Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. Attaches newspaper articles of November about Quaid-e-Azam.
11/30/81		Amnesty Intl.	Memo to Sout Asia Coordinators re Pakista: Arrests of Academics from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad-lists Jamil Omar lecturer in computer science arrested 11/03/81.
12/01/81	Minker	Ralston	Asks Minker to add I. Havel and attaches note re Abramovich.
12/??/81		Minker	Handwritten list of those sent the 03/81 ACM HR Report.
12/15/81	McClesky	U. Washington	Physicist sends letter re situation at Quaid-e-Azam Univ., Pakistan - reports on Dr. Jamil Umar in Rawalpindi jail. Quotes from letter about Omar.
12/18/81	Sislen	Minker	Sends March 1981 article to Samuel (Buddy) Sislen of Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington asks him to check the list and respond if there are changes or additions. Asks for response by March 1, 1982.
12/21/81	Smith	Ralston	Karen Smith is in Off. Asst. Sec. Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs of State Department. Informs Ms. Smith he is attending meeting on 7 Jan. 1982 on behalf of ACM. Informs her of activities of ACM in human rights. Encloses copy of Minker March 1981 Report. Attaches Jan 1980 ACM President letter and resolutions. Also attaches CSFHR Charter
12/22/81	Minker	Ralston	Encloses USSR News Brief, No. 22 1981, 30 November 1981. Item 22-24 on Vyacheslav Bakhmin.

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12/ /81	Minker	Sislen	Reviewed article forwarded earlier. Checked names that appeared on the list. Those checked are still in USSR and nothing changed. Those not checked do not appear in their lists. Provides new address for Shcharansky. (Material sent was not found in Minker records.)
12/ /81		AAAS CSFHR	Clearing House Report on Science and Human Rights. Changes sought in Proposed U.N. Code on Torture. Page 7, info on Osipova, Kovaylev, Shcharansky, Brailovsky.
12/23/81	Scanlon	Minker	John D. Scanlon is Deputy Asst. Secy. State for European Affairs. Asks Scanlon to deliver material to the Honorable Romwald Spasowski, Polish Amb. to U.S. Envelope open for him to read.
12/23/81	Spasowski	Minker	Hon. Romwald Spasowski, Polish Amb. to U.S. Sends March 1981 ACM HR Report. In text of statement read by Spasowski 12/20/81 in Wash. Post, 12/21/81, he states, "The professors from the Academy of Sciences have been put to prison." Minker asks for names of computer scientists who have been imprisoned. Minker to publish their names in CACM so 35,000 computer scientists in world will know of their plight.
12/28/81	Sterling	Ralston	Responds to letters y Sterling statrtng with 29 Oct. 1. Forwarding material he sent to Minker. Agrees we should focus on USSR, but we do not have solid facts from other countries. 2. Newsletter about, by and for comp. scientists whose HR violated. Intriguing idea a possible Committee activity. Asks for types of content and administrative details. 3. Computers used to suppress human rights. Notes that it is a very sensitive issue in ACM. Asks Sterling to draft guidelines on this topic.
12/30/81		CCS	Report on Anti-semitic Discrimination in 1981 to Moscow State Univ. Attached Nov. 29, 1980 letter from Walter Rudin to Professor Schein of a conversation with Fedorchuk who confirmed that Jews and non-Jews were given different exams.
12/31/81		USSR News Brief	No. 23/24 1981. Item 23/24-2, Boris Chernobylski, radio engineer.