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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
01/24/85	NAS	Press	Statement of Frank Press, Pres. NAS. Small delegation of U.S. NAS met with delegation Soviet Acad. Sci. to explore possible new cooperative agreement. Signed draft protocol outlining 2 year bilateral agreement subject to ratification by Council NAS and Soviet Acad. Several key principles outlined. Cooperation in forefront fields of science. Both academies identify best scientists to participate in cooperative projects including workshops, exchange visits and other methods of collaboration. Both academies propose a dozen areas and consensus is to be reached. Protocol provides for annual meetings of officers of two academies. "...discussions also covered what constitutes a propitious climate for cooperation between the two academies. This climate naturally includes our concerns about human rights."
03/05/85	Press	Yankelevich	Yefrem Yankelevich, son-in-law of Andrei Sakharov met with Press re Moscow negotiations (see Press statement 01/24/85). Discussion failed to dispell frustration and sadness about Press's negotiations in Moscow. It confirmed his impression that NAS resumed bilateral exchanges in spirit of disregard for Sakharov. In 1980 NAS suspended negotiations to protest Sakharov's exile. NAS to renew exchanges has to assure at least a minimal improvement in Sakharov's condition. Day before 5th anniversary of Sakharov's exile was inappropriate to renew agreement. Believes, "... the Academy should now commit itself to the suspension of bilateral exchanges, if certain conditions are not met by 1987, and make this commitment known to the Soviet side." Proposes several actions to be taken. Hopes members of NAS will support his proposals.

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02/06/85		Mitzpeh	Jewish Student News, Univ. Maryland, Interview of Jack Minker "The science of human rights," by Howard Mortman. Minker provides answers to interview conducted Jan. 28. Some of questions asked: Tell me about CCS and what you do. What kind of human rights abuses are there of computer personnel? In which countries do you find abuses? Why are some in jail? Are there other well-know abuses aside from Shcharansky? Are all scientists abused in USSR Jews? Other questions posed and answered. Minker advocates firmness with Soviets.
02/12/85	Ralston	Aktas	Dr. Ziya Aktas, Prof. and Chairman, Dept. Comp. Eng., Middle East Tech. Univ. Ankara, Turkey wrote and said report of ACM CSFHR in Jan. 1985 issue of ACM is based on entirely incorrect and ill-intentional information. The (10) computer professionals that you claim their human rights have been violated are those who resigned willingly from my Department at various dates to get higher paid jobs in various countries including Turkey. He lists their names, resignation dates and present positions. Says, 'As a member of ACM, I sincerely hope that your committee will kindly revise the records and will certainly clarify some misinterpretations about my colleagues, my University and my Country.
02/14/85		WJW	Washington Jewish Week, page 5. Kohlmiansky Sentenced, Sharansky Ill Report on Sharansky says he met with his mother, Ida Milgrom and brother Leonid in Perm Labor Camp Jan. 14. When Sharansky arrived at the Perm Camp, he had a "pre-heart attack" and was immediately hospitalized. His mother said camp officials stalled telling them Sharansky was at the camp and said he was delayed on-route. He has recovered and gained 18 pounds.
02/14/85	Grechanovsky	Minker	Received material from him from various sources and his letter of 02/01/85. Pleased he is still doing research. His work is not in my area and is not possible for him to do all things he requested. Explained work on ACM report Jan. 1985 ACM issue takes up a major part of his time. Also involved in a major project with respect to Lerner and writing an advanced text book on logic and databases. Forwarding his letters and material to Dorothy who is trying to obtain someone in his filed who can assist him.
02/26/85	Denis	Minker	Thanked State Senator (Maryland) Howard A. Denis for referring Sheldon Himmelfarb of Senator Mathias's office to me. Minker surprised to learn Dr. Lerner's negative perception that the NAS did not raise the issue of the refuseniks with the USSR in their visit to Moscow. The CCS had informed Minker that the NAS did raise the issue with the Soviets. NAS members met, prior to their meeting with the Soviets, with 18 refuseniks at the home of one of them. Each had an opportunity to explore a particular problem with the NAS. Lerner spoke first. It was nice of Sen. Mathias to contact Lerner and to inform me of his discussion with him. Sent CACM human rights report to him. Received manuscript Lerner told Denis he sent me. Enclosed letter to NY Acad. Sci. informing them of progress.

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02/25/85	Kampelman	Minker	Congratulates him on his appointment to lead arms negotiation with USSR. Gives Minker confidence that outstanding American who has compassion and firmness of conviction will deal with the Soviet Union through strength. Sent him copy of CACM 1985 human rights report. Delighted to learn he visited Lerner when he was last in the USSR. Minker phoned Lerner after his visit. Lerner pleased that a member of the Reagan administration at level of an Ambassador visited him and cared about refuseniks.
02/25/85	Hoyer	Minker	Appreciated Cong. Steny Hoyer's support for human rights. Sends him Jan. 1985 CACM human rights report. Hopes that he will publicize report in Congressional Record.
02/26/85	Mathias	Minker	Appreciates Sheldon Himmelfarb of Sen. Charles McC. Mathias's office phoning me regarding Lerner (see 02/26/85 letter to Denis). Sends him Jan. 1985 CACM human rights report and asks if it is appropriate to place it in Congressional Record. Appreciates his informing me of his conversation with Lerner and his support for of the refusenik cause.
02/25/85	Schifter	Minker	Sent him copy of Jan. 1985 CACM report and thought he might wish to share the report with delegates from USSR in Ottawa. Thanked him for driving him and Rita home from Baltimore after visit to Caneel Bay.
02/25/85	Barnes	Minker	Sends Cong. Michael Barnes essentially same letter as one to Hoyer 02/25/85.
02/25/85	Sarbanes	Minker	Sends Sen. Paul Sarbanes essentially same letter as one to Hoyer 02/25/85.
03/06/85	Minker	Barnes	Thanks him for information on human rights violations throughout world. Due to limits on space in Congressional Record cannot submit report to Congressional Record.
03/28/85	Benton	Gungor	Shocked to read CACM Jan. 1985 issue listing his name. Believes it violates his human rights. Should have been contacted to verify the facts. Has been an ACM member. Wants ACM to publicize his attached statement; ask Minker to provide his sources; have Minker write to those contained in the report to see if they support his statements. Plans to discuss his legal rights. Statement makes the following points: committee should have tried to contact him, member of ACM; was METU staff member July 1966–August 1980 Human rights never violated and never asked to leave; those listed from Turkey left METU between 1977 and 1982 for variety of reasons other than cited in report – for reasons that thousands leave their jobs in western world; Knows all those listed – none because of military takeover; military rule saved Turkey from a civil war and conducted free elections.

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04/02/85	Benton	Akan	Niyazi F. Akan regrets his name appeared in CACM Jan. 1985 issue. Regret not due to kind of action taken by ACM, but lack of research. Military takeover was 6 months after he left METU for financial reasons. Article indicates military takeover led to human rights violations; however personal experience violations existed before military takeover and were eradicated after. Elaborates on what happened in Turkey. Left university on own free will. Requests his letter be published in next issue CACM.
04/02/85	Ozkarahan	Minker	Sharma Chakravarthi who visited Arizona State University recently informed him he was working there. Chakravarthi said you told him his name appeared in my human rights report. Reviewed why his name appeared in report. Minker received information which refutes the Turks listed had their human rights violated. Asks him to provide information on his situation and those of his colleagues. Minker assures him his information will be kept confidential. Note: Search for Dr. Ozkarahan on internet found that he died in 2000.
04/10/85	Minker	Gonlubol	Prof. Dr. Mehmet Gonlubol, President Middle East Tech Univ Ankara, Turkey wrote that human rights article in Jan. 1985 CACM gives incorrect information about 10 Turkish computer professionals. None of their human rights had been violated nor scientific freedom restricted. They resigned of their own free will because they found jobs that paid more. Listed names, resignation dates, present positions, countries where they worked, but not addresses. Was concerned that a forceful resignation might jeporadize their current positions. Suggests that the 10 Turkish professionals before you edited your article. "This can still be done and a due correction by yourself should appear in the earliest issue of CACM.
04/19/85	Minker	Ozkrahan	Esen A. Ozkrahan responds to Minker letter of 04/02/85. States, "Unfortunately, the list of people you have, which includes me too, is incorrect. People on list failed to return from leaves of absence were assumed to have resigned by the METU personnel department." Their names appeared in Turkish newspapers with regard to brain drain abroad. Says, "As to the allegations the article uses or refers to, I should state that we have heard of some cases of the supposedly theoretical-left leaning people who were considered to be a potential threat to the ideals of the military initiated terrorism clean up that has taken place since the 1982 military takeover (elections held last year). I know of two people, from the EE dept. of METU, who have gone through what your aticle described." He names the two, but does not know their addresses. They may be able to give me other names. He further states, "Would it not be proper to get the record straight regarding the image created for our names in the CACM." Thanks Minker for writing, permits him to use the information he provided, but not his name.

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04/22/85	Gonlubol	Minker	Responds to Gonlubol letter of 04/10/85. Informs him the report is carefully researched and information was provided by the AAAS. Sending his letter to AAAS to ask they supply supporting evidence. Will be pleased to contact the 10 Turkish computer professionals on list and asks him for their addresses. Should Minker receive confirmation of his information, he will correct any errors that may have been made.
04/22/85	McCleskey	Minker	Sends Kathie McCleskey two letters re the Turkish computer professionals whose name appeared in human rights CACM report, Jan. 1985. Asks her to research the info. as to why the individuals appeared in AAAS listing. Encloses letter to President of METU and asks for a response from AAAS as soon as possible.
04/25/85	Minker	McCleskey	Responds to Minker letter 04/22/85. Makes following comments: 1. Does not know if Gonlubol and Aktas took their positions at METU before or after martial law and Higher Education Council were formed. Would weigh their comments carefully and wait for individuals named to comment. 2. Document provided to Clearinghouse Feb. 1984 contained most comprehensive listing of 840 or so resigned or dismissed academics appeared in a Turkish weekly, "Art and Science". The names have appeared before. 3. Estimates academics dismissed or resigned vary. In letter to U.S. Embassy to John Salzberg, a former staff member, numbers varied. Please share with her letters from any academics. Surprised no one commented re description of Turkey in report (page 71) which was much stronger than actual listing names.
04/25/85	Minker	McCleskey	Attaches 04/12/83 letter from U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, Robert Strausz-Hupé who provides comments on Turkish universities. Since Jan. 1983 and date of his letter there were 43 professors, mostly tenured have been dismissed by authority of Martial Law Commanders, while another 44 resigned.
05/20/85	Denning	Basoglu	Halil Basoglu, ACM member No. 2083707 writes, "January 85 edition of CACM contained a report by the Human Rights Committee. The section on Turkey included hardly any truth and when I saw my name listed among the nine of my colleagues from our old department, I was shocked. None of our resignations had anything to do with was written in the report. I sent a copy of the enclosed letter to the CACM Forum Editor. Request that you take necessary action to have it published as soon as possible."

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05/20/85		Basoglu	Statement about what happened to individuals on human rights list. Information indicates none left METU because of human rights violations. Stated, "The ten names listed in the appendix to support the article were a big "joke". The names (including myself) belong to faculty members who have left the Dept. of Computer Eng. in Middle East Technical University for various reasons since 1975. We were not forced to resign and our human rights were not violated in any way. One colleague left for his Ph.D. studies in 1975 and did not return; three (including myself) took up jobs in an international organization for their sabbatical—two of them before the military takeover—and decided to keep their jobs; five went to various universities in the United States—again most of them before the takeover—for their sabbatical and resigned to keep their positions; finally, one served as Director of the Computer Centre in the same university for nearly three years after the takeover and recently left for Saudi Arabia." Noted that all could have been checked with METU or individuals, most were ACM members. 'One last word to ACM: please keep your articles within the limits of your "Purpose".'
06/05/85	Distribution	Denning	Attaches letter from Basologu of 05/20/85 and his response to Basologu of 06/05/85 to those on distribution list.
06/05/85	Basologu	Denning	Embarrassed to read his letter that false information concerning him and his nine colleagues. Forwarded letter to Ashenhurst, editor of ACM Forum for early publication. 'We will correct the public record as soon as possible.'
06/13/85	Ashenhurst	Steier	'As discussed with Peter Denning, attached are two additional letters objecting to the section on Turkey included in the committee report published in Communications. We are holding these in the expectation of receiving more of them. (Attached letters from Dr. Ismet Gungor 03/28/85 and Niyazi F. Akan 04/02/85.'
06/17/85		CCS	Action Alert Roald Zelichonek, Soviet computer eng. arrested charged with defaming USSR. 48 yrs. specializes in computer bio research. Filed for permission to emigrate in 1978.
06/17/85	Minker	McCleskey	AAAS sends background info on Turkey. The Times Leader "The Turkish Question", August 1?, 1983, reports problems with human rights since 1980 military coup. Material from Christina Cerna re suppression of academic freedom in Turkey. Military ruthlessly fired 195 academicians within one week in 1982. Note to Eric Stover 07/26/82 from John Humphrey, Univ. London Vol. 3, No. 7, 1982, two leading medical members of Turkish Peace Assoc. believed held by authorities. NY Times article 2/10/82 letter to editor, say U.S. turns a deaf ear to 52 death sentences requested by military prosecutor at trial of labor leaders in Turkey.

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06/18/85	Minker	McCleskey	General background on Turkey. Reports from 1982 and 1983. Some academics named.
06/19/85	CACM	Minker	Draft of Minker response to Turkish letters. Also revised draft 06/20/85. Response from (probably) Kathy McCleskey to 06/19/85 – great - better than the earlier one she read of 06/17/85, also included, since it is less defensive. Likes the last paragraph. Makes minor suggestions.
06/21/85	Minker	McCleskey	Kathie McCleskey's suggested revisions to Minker Draft letter to CACM in response to Turkish computer scientist letters.
06/24/85	Minker	Ralston	Marked up copy of Minker Draft of CACM letter in response to Turkish computer scientist comments on CSFHR 1984 report in the January 1985 issue of CACM.
06/27/85		Diamondback	UMD newspaper editorial 'Lit Candles.' Discusses support for Sakharov at UMD. William E. Kirwan, academic affairs Vice-Chancellor wrote to 25 Soviet university presidents protesting "educational anti-semitism". He was approached by John Cohen of Jewish student center with a draft of the letter and Kirwan readily gave his support. The letters protest quotas and special entrance exams for Jews, and restricted teaching of Hebrew studies. They say Kirwan is not only advocate on this campus. They cite Jack Minker, a computer science professor and human rights activist for more than a decade who last August offered along with several dozen scientists to spend time in Soviet Union as hostages for Sakharov's wife. They conclude by saying, William Kirwan, Jack Minker and John Cohen have lit candles.
06/28/85	CACM	Minker	Draft of Minker response to Turkish letters.
06/30/85	Share	Effros	Bonnie Effros wrote to Mrs. Share. Letter sent to Minker by 'Harold' (Probably Harold Borko) who says 'My mother sent me this letter. I thought(sic) you might be interested.' The letter is about Effros' visit to Moscow where she met with V.I. (Ben) Charney who was a fairly prominent mathematician before he applied for an exit visa. Charney's daughter just finished her mathematics degree. She completed a correspondence course that did not know of her refusenik status. She describes the family problems because of their refusenik status and how one might help them.
07/01/85	Ralston	Minker	Sends Ralston a copy of his CACM response to Turkish letters that incorporates Ralston's suggestions in their phone conversation a few days earlier. Draft enclosed is dated 07/01/85. Minker is also asking Roz Steier of ACM to determine which of the Turks are ACM members.
07/09/85	Steier	Minker	Enclosed letter regarding the ten Turkish Computer Scientists that, as previously discussed is to be published in the <i>Communications of the ACM</i> .

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07/11/85	Maisel	Minker	Herb Maisel was on the ACM Council. Enclosed an advaced copy of letter sent to CACM for publication in the same issue as letters from the Turkish computer professionals. Asks to speak to him before he leaves for the Chicago meeting. Explains the sources and procedure he follws with writing and reviewing drafts. Has in past sent copies ot countries listed, without any response. Has also not published information from sources who are unknown to him. Also honored requests not to be listed when he knows of them. Mentioned source for Turks was reliable, but no addresses were listed and never thought of checking if they were ACM members. The reports are apolitical and are concerned only with human rights issues. It has been a tremendous morale booster to those on list.
08/06/85	Minker	Katz	Boris Katz enclosed a leter from Patrich Winston to Martin Kay. Letter to Kay from Winston dated 22 July, 1985. Winston wrote to Kay since Katz had told him that Kay might be involved in a conference in the Soviet Union. Winston related his experience in negotiations with the Tbilisi experience. Letter is important an MUST be included in Minker memoirs.
08/07/85	SIGART	Minker	Letter to Editor SIGART Newsletter, appeared October 1985, p. 4, 'Tbilisi 1975 - A Retrospective Review'. Reviews what happened to get Lerner invited and reviews case of several Soviet scientists during the past ten years. Those listed: Lerner, Goldestins, Shcharansky, Grechanovsky, Kipnis, Minc, Brailovsky, Fradkova and Kilov. Concerned about proposed international conference in the Soviet Union for COLING88 (International Conference on Computational Linguistic). Specifies conditions that should be satisfied if conference is held there. NOTE: International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 88) was held 1988 August; Budapest; Hungary.
09/03/85	Minker	Olbinski	Kazimierz Olbinski thanks Minker for his letter and actions of CSFHR. Convinced that action is very important both for individual person and public opinion, even if no immediate results. Provides information on him (he is in St. Petersburg, Florida) and colleagues. 1. Kazimierz Albinski should be Olbinski provides date arrested, charge sentence (3 years with conditional suspension of rest of sentence); has lived in u.S. since 1985. 2. Bogdan Buszala shoud be Burzala, his friend who wrote to Minker. 3. Sabina Gandecka, provides information on her. 4. Jozef Laszkiewicz, provides information on him. 5. Kazimierz Oblinski same person as 1., 6. Andrzej Walny, provides information on him. Walny now in Calgary Canada. 7. Piotr Starzynski not in present report - arrested December 13, 1981 interned for 5 months without official sentence. Systems programmer from ZETO Wroclaw, now probably in West Berlin.

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10/ /85		CACM	Volume 28, Number 10, p. 105. Outstanding ACM Contribution Award. Jack Minker of the University of Maryland is recipient of the 1985 Outstanding Contribution Award, which is being presented "on the basis of value and degree of service to the Association for Computing Machinery." Minker is being honored "for championing the rights of scientists to practice their profession freely and openly, for bringing to public attention the names of scientists deprived of their scientific freedom and hukman rights and for giving these victims hope and making them aware of ACM support."
10/ /85			Announcement Minker to Receive ACM Outstanding Contribution Award for Work in Human Rights.
10/17/85		Minker	Acceptance Comments Outstanding Contribution Award - ACM. "I wish to thank the ACM Awards Committee for selecting me to receive an award for my work in human rights. I am proud to be a member of an organization whose primary focus is 'the soul of a machine', and has not lost sight of an even higher calling, 'the soul of mankind'. In accepting the award we should remember our colleagues who cannot join us today because their human rights have been abrogated. I wish to particularly mention: Robert Ardito and Hilda Garciela Leikis De Alvarez Rojas both of who are undoubtedly murdered in the previous regime in Argentina and are technically among 'the missing'; Ademar Vinales who is in jail in Uruguay; and especially Anatoly Shcharansky who is suffering with heart disease and impaired vision in the Soviet Gulag on a charge of spying denied by the then President Carter and the current administration. There are other computer professionals in the Gulag who should be remembered. Among these are: Sergei Khodorovich, Tatyana Osipova and Tatyana Velikanova. They are in the Gulag for their efforts to defend human rights and the Helsinki accords in the Soviet Union. It would be most fitting if we took this occasion as individuals to sign a petition in support of Dr. Leonid Volvovsky, a 43 year old computer professional arrested recently in the Soviet Union and charged with slandering the Soviet state, possibly on the basis of possession of religious books found during a KGB search of his apartment in June 1985. Those who wish to sign a petition in support of Volvovsky may do so by seeing me after lunch. I wish to thank Paul Armer who supported and encouraged my efforts to publish reports on human rights professionals; Tony Ralston who took over responsibilities from Paul and made it happen; Roz Steier who has given me so much help at ACM headquarteres; Bob Ashenhurst for his cooperation and help; and the numerous individuals and organizations who supplied information to me for the reports. Most of all I want to thank my wife Rita who has supported and encouraged my efforts in support of human rights.

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10/ /85	Jones	Minker(?)	History of Leonid Volvovsky, b. 1942, B.Sc. from Gorky Polytechnic Institute, Dept. of Computer Science, 1964; M.A. 1970. Dismissed from job 1 hour after requesting character reference to apply for emigration. Director of company for whom he worked affirmed Volvovsky had no access to secret information but refused to state this in writing. Arrested in 1985.
10/09/85	Gorbachov	Segal	Lee Segal of Weizmann Institute urges Gorbachov to permit Lerner to join his daughter in Rehovot. Helsinki accord provides for reunification of families.
10/25/85	Ralston	Travitsky	Betty Travitsky asks if the CSFHR could act on behalf of the Goldshteins. Attaches material on the Goldshteins situation.
10/28/85	Minker	Reitman	Letter from Reitman dated 1/1/1985. Lerner advised him to send part of his book, "In search of the best," based on 6 papers published in 1972-1978 in journal Kvant (Quantum). Born 1936, defended candidate's degree 1964 and Doctor's degree 1970 on the boundary of Engineering mechanics and applied optimization. Includes address, but correspondence unreliable. Minker mailed him material October 28, 1985.
10/31/85	Minker	Hirsch	Boris Kimelfeld emigrated from USSR several months ago and Irina Grivnina expelled from USSR in October 1985. Attaches information on Kimelfeld.
11/04/85	Minker	Hirsch	Thanks Minker for response on behalf of Dr. Roald Zelichonek. Sentenced August 28 to 3 years in labor camp for distributing slanderous material about USSR. Appeal denied October. Has history of kidney problems and Meniere's disease. In final trial expressed gratitude to friends and family who supported him and the CCS. Zelichonek denied medical attention during 5 months of imprisonment. Denied medicine, vitamins. Wife is invalid and nearly blind. Asks for help for husband.
11/05/85	Minker	Lipset et al.	American Academic Association for Peace in the Middle East saddened by death of Ruth Levine. Establishing funds for the Ruth Levine Memorial Training Seminar, a permanent project to provide 5 day teacher training program each year for Arab and Jewish teachers in Israel. Need an endowment fund of \$25,000.00 and asking for minimum contribution of \$100.00.
11/07/85	Chmielewski	Takacs	Thanks him for agreeing to adopt a scientist on Minker list. He can choose anyone on the list and certainly should write to Krzysztof Chmiel. Suggests he sends information on Chmiel to Minker. Wants to be kept informed. Attaches letter from Chmielewski 10/23/85 who expressed interest in adopting Krzysztof Chmiel on whose behalf he wrote to the Polish Ambassador to the United States 05/24/85.

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11/12/85		Diamondback	Ad-hoc student group say they will seek an honorary Hebrew Studies degree for Dr. Josef Beguni, a Soviet prisoner. Minker quoted as saying, "I think its relevant to give him an honorary degree in Hebrew if his credentials are appropriate and not just because his human rights have been violated." Kirwan was sympathetic, but said, "We award honorary degrees as a means of recognition for extraordinary contributions in various areas, not to address political or social issues."
11/13/85	Minker	Strange	Vituperative letter from Patrick Strange, Berkeley, CA re Minker editorial in SIGART Newsletter October 1985. He is native of New Zealand and exposure to Zionism began in U.K. "Without preconceptions on Jewish people, I could not expect from you or your ilk, the people without shame!"
11/14/85	Adams	Minker	Sends Jim Adams a summary of activities in behalf of human rights and remarks made at ACM Denver where accepted Outstanding Contribution Award.
11/14/85	CSFHR	Ralston	Annual report submitted for last year.
11/15/85	Uckan	Ashenhurst	Received letter concerning use of his name in SFHR report. It is accepted for publication and scheduled to appear in the December 1985. (Uckan letter not found in Minker files.)
11/15/85	Minker	Schuster	Ethel Schuster, strongly supports SIGART October 1985 letter to editor. Suggests try to organize opposition to COLING 88 at AAAI-86 to be held at the University of Pennsylvania.
12/04/85	Minker	Borillo	Mario Borillo Univ. Paul Sabatier Toulouse, France. Thanks Minker for letter in Sigart Newsletter, October 1985. Agrees completely with Minker on duty of scientists to correlate moral obligations with research considerations and regrets so few of our colleagues seem preoccupied by these considerations.
12/16/85	Borillo	Minker	Thanks for his kind words re SIGART letter. "It is nice to know that there are individuals such as you who value human rights. It was particularly nice to receive your letter in view of one I had received whid was virulent and hate-ridden."
12/24/85	Hirsch	Minker	Received word from Ralston and Manny Lehman they will not be able to attend meeting at Oxford University. I cannot think of anyone who could be sent. Enclosed material from Grechanovsky. Paper retyped through good graces of Joan Dodek of Washington Committee on Soviet Jewry. Enclosed AI Journal for Lerner.