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Jack Minker

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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
01/25/86	Minker	Soyfer	Enclosed manuscript by K. and P. Podrabinek, "Non-Classical Method of Description of the Enzymatic Reactions." Asks if the paper can be included in the volume. Paper in English is attached
01/??/86		Golenko	Paper by Golenko(?) in Russian.
01/30/86	Minker	Schwartz	Maury Schwarz of Western Washington Univ. Attaches a response to a letter by Soyfer by a Stephen Burant who is not going to the USSR and cannot deliver a package. He asks if a manuscript by Lysenko has been published. If not, asks how to get it published.
02/06/86	Dodek	Minker	Thanks Oscar Dodek for transcribing a document sent to me by Eugene Grechanovsky. Plans to send article to a journal for publication.
02/06/86	Hanessian	Minker	Thanks John Hanessian for transcribing a document sent to me by Eugene Grechanovsky. Plans to send article to a journal for publication.
02/06/86	Weaver	Minker	Karen Weaver helped transcribe a document sent me by Eugene Grechanovsky. Thanks her for her efforts.
02/12/86	Goldberg	Ralston	Wrote to Adele Goldberg, Mike Harrison, Seymor Wolfson re the release of Anatoly Shcharansky. Urge that they work with him to arrange some recognition of Anatoly and Avital at ACM86. Asks that they support ACM spending as much as \$5,000 for two round trip tickets from Israel and expenses. Asks for suggestions as to how to honor Shcharansky.
02/25/86	Ralston	Goldberg	Personally believes that Ralston's request of 02/12/86 re Shcharansky is in the realm of political vs. social action and does not support such action. Will bring it to the attention of the ACM Council. She states that ACM is in deficit by \$500,000 and cannot afford the money. States that ACM86 will not be held. There will be a joint meeting with IEEE-CS – FJCC. General conf. chair is Stanley Winkler. He might consider conference funding.
??/??/86		Plotz (?)	Page 4 of Highlights of Jack minker's Human Rights Work. Possibly written by Paul Plotz.

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03/14/86	Goldberg	Minker	Tony Ralston asked Minker to represent him at Exec. Comm. in Las Vegas. Ralston addressed two issues - funds for Shcharansky to talk at NCC conference and whether or not he should be honored in some way. Minker does not believe funds should be an issue in the deliberations. It is more important to decide whether or not he should be invited. Richard Seltzer, reporter for Chemical Engineering News asked if ACM was going to issue a statement concerning Shcharansky. Having been a leader in Shcharansky's cause, it would seem peculiar if ACM were silent on the matter. Minker proposed ACM release the following statement. "The Association for Computing Machinery is pleased that their fellow computer professional, Anatoly Shcharansky, has been released by the Soviet Union and permitted to join his wife in Israel. We hope that Mr. Shcharansky's release is the forerunner in the improvement of the human rights of all computer professionals. The Association for Computing Machinery has supported the release of such a statement even before his sentence took place and welcomes Mr. Shcharansky back to the ranks as a contributing computer professional."
05/13/86	Minker	Goldshteins	Isai and Gregory Goldshtein sent a copy of "The Goldstein Memoirs published by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. They inscribed the 23 page memoir "May 13th, 1986 To Jack with love and appreciation. Isai Goldstein, Gregory Goldshtein". The memoirs were in three parts. Part I, "The Beginning of Our Long Road to Israel." They briefly describe their family's long history in Tbilisi and problems that arose because they were Jews. Part II, "The International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Clashes with the KGB in Tbilisi." They discuss their experience at the conference and what happened to them afterwards. There was no part three in the material in Minker's file. The Goldshtein's were permitted to emigrate and on April 18, 1986, a 14 1/2-year saga ended as the Goldshteins and their families arrived in Israel. The memoir was excerpted and translated by Michael Kossman and edited by Helen Kenvin.
??/??/86?	Macher (?)	Lerner	Hand written undated note to Misha (Macher(?)) sent a folder "Michtarim" with a letter from a senator who thanks him for their meeting in Jerusalem. He needs his address. He is well and his trip is going along according to schedule.
06/03/86		NY Times	Article by Richard M. Bellin, "Miss Bonner Meets I.B. Singer," sent to Minker by Ben Shneiderman whose father arranged the meeting between Bonner and Singer. The article had an interesting exchange between the two.

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06/11/86	Minker	Bradman	Responds to Minker letter of 18 April, 1986 (not found in Minker files). Informs Minker that Victor Kipnis is now in Toronto and provides address and phone number. Offered one year Visiting Prof USC. Minker sent paper, "Conditional Cut-Off Values in Forward Selection Procedure," by Eugene Grechanosky. Victor agreed to act as Grechanovsky's "caseworker." Encloses material on his clearing house for scientific papers. Attaches letter from a Dr. Pinkerton, 12 September, 1985 re the Grechanovsky paper. Would like Minker to discuss the Grechanovsky paper with Kipnis as to whether or not to publish the paper in the "Journal of Academic Proceedings of Soviet Jewry." The paper had been submitted to the Royal Statistical Society and had been rejected. Referee cited a recent paper of which Grechanosky was unaware and also that his paper showed that his method of estimating mean square prediction in autoregressive time series did not work as well as some existing procedures.
06/25/86	Minker	Bristol	Carrie Bristol, journalist refers to Minker CACM human rights paper in 1982. Interested in violation of human rights inside the Soviet Union, and East Bloc nations. Would like any updates Minker has on his report and how she may contact Cronid Lubarsky, publisher of USSR News Brief. She is not working and is personally interested in research on religious persecution in those places.
07/15/86	Bristol	Minker	Responds to her letter of 06/25/86 and attaches three reports he wrote and organizations she may be interested in contacting: CCS, CSS (Solidarity), AAAS Clearinghouse and WCSJ.
07/18/86	Mwangle	Minker	Letter to Hon. Elijah Mwangale, Minister Foreign Affairs, Kenya. Writes concerning Kariuki Gathitu, computer scientist arrested in Nairobi, Kenya and detained indefinitely without charge or date for trial. Believes he should either be charged with a recognizably criminal offense or be released. Urge that he be treated humanely given access to his family and legal and medical treatment if required. ACM will be interested in what happens to him.
07/18/86	Kibaki	Minker	Letter to Hon. Mwasi Kibaki, Vice-President of Republic of Kenya. Identical letter as sent to Mwangle 07/18/86.
07/18/86	Muli	Minker	Letter to Hon. Matthew Muli, Office of Attorney General, Kenya. Identical letter as sent to Mwangle 07/18/86.
07/18/86	Mageto	Minker	Letter to Ambassador Sospeter Mageto, Embassy Kenya in USA. Identical letter as sent to Mwangle 07/18/86.
07/18/86	Tipis	Minker	Letter to Hon. Justus Ole Tipis, Minister of State, Kenya. Identical letter as sent to Mwangle 07/18/86.
07/18/86	Madan	Minker	Letter to Justice A.B. Madan, Acting Chief Justice, Kenya. Identical letter as sent to Mwangle 07/18/86.
07/18/86	Moi	Minker	Letter to Hon. Daniel Arap Moi, President, Republic of Kenya. Identical letter as sent to Mwangle 07/18/86.

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08/05/86	Minker	Hill	Jack and Rita met him at the airport. He apparently brought me material for the Lerner book I was editing. Must have received the material from Lerner since he mentioned Lerner and the book.
08/11/86	Minker	Golenko-Ginzburg	Response to Minker letter of 07/23/86. He finished translating his article, "A Model for Scheduling Operations with Random Activity Time," from Russian to English. Concerned about his second article, "A Checking and Control Mathematical Model for Multilevel Production Systems." It refers to first article and wants to know if it has been translated. If it has not, he would like the paper sent to him and he would translate it. Encloses paper in Russian and in English.
09/01/86	Goldfarb (?)	Minker	Sends Lev Goldfarb(?) two articles by Soyfer in Russian and their translation in English. Also included was an article sent by Soyfer without the Russian text and asks Lev to check it out. Asks for response before the end of the month since entire manuscript has to be sent to Neil Bradman by the end of the month.

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09/05/86	Minker	Gharaie-nejad	Shahram Gharaie-nejad a member of the ACM (No. 2579563) since August 1984. He found Minker's CACM June '85 report on human rights and wrote to the ACM four months ago. He is an Iranian who is living in West Germany. He believes his letter did not get to the ACM. He was a student at Shiraz (Pahlavi) University. In June 1980 Irani government shut down all universities. He was arrested in Sept 1981 by the secret police of the Islamic religion. Their reason was his normal activities and participation in the Bahai organization and society in Shiraz, Iran. His condition for release was conversion to Islam. He was remanded to a court and after a five minute hearing where a young Moslem mulla who was the judge, he was asked if he was ready to convert to Islam. When he answered that he was not, he was given a 10 year prison sentence. Worldwide protest led to his release. 16 months later he was given a 2nd trial. Again he was asked to break off relations with Bahai. Because of the condition of his family he decided to succumb and was released in Mar. 1983 after 18 months. Details problems in Iran and escape to Turkey. He enrolled in his last year at school his father died in Nov. 1984. He was buried with a Bahai funeral. One year later the secret police learned of this and one night in Sept. 1985 the secret police attacked his house. He and his family hid for 3 months in Tehran and escaped over the mountains to Turkey on Feb. 4, 1986. He contacted the consulate of the US and told them his story and wrote to the ACM. After living in Turkey for 4 months he was in danger of being returned to Iran since he did not have an entry visa to Turkey. He managed to get to West Germany June 2, 1986. Has trouble finding work since he has not finished his degree. Wants to complete his degree and asks for guidance.
09/08/86	Lipkin	Minker	Thanks her for her letter of 08/22/86 concerning Lerner. Welcomes her to take an active role in support of Lerner. Makes several suggestions. Malka Lipkin is with Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry.
10/ /86	SIGART	Minker	Retrospective Review of 10 years after Tbilisi 1975. Letter to SIGART Newsletter, no. 94, page 2. Purpose is to bring status of some AI/Cybernetics researchers in Soviet Union to the attention AI Community and reiterate concern about AI-related conferences in the Soviet Union. Discusses status of Lerner, Goldstein brothers, Grechanovsky, Kipnis, Minc, Shcharansky, Brailovsky, Fradkova and Kilov. All remain refuseniks and almost all were invited by Dr. Alan Mackworth on behalf of 1985 IJCAI to attend. Urges AI community not to support conferences in the USSR unless there are guarantees that international standards for conferences will be met.

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10/03/86	Bradman	Minker	Under separate cover sends him the Lerner manuscript for publication in Bradman's journal. The editor was Dr. Soyfer. Soyfer sent me a last item to be included that I had to edit and correct some of the mathematics. FOREWORD explains difference between manuscript I received and the one sent to him. Informaion on some authors is missing - asks for Bradman's help here. Photographs included are not the best and Minker leaves it to Bradman to determine if they should be included. All translators are noted in the FOREWORD and none asked to be paid for their work. Asks that he send copies of the journal to be sent to individuals.
10/09/86	Litvin	Minker	Responds to Litvin letter of 09/29/86 who wrot that his sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Boris Ghinis have been released from the USSR. Minker was pleased to learn that he believes publicity given to them by the ACM was effective. It gives Minker encouragement to publish his lists. It is especially good news at Rosh Ha Shanah. Litvin letter attached.
10/09/86	Gharaie-Nejad	Minker	Received the letter he wrote to me a short while after I received the letter he had sent to the ACM. I explained I had received letters from Ralston which overlapped. Ralston responded to the original address in Turkey. I forwarded Ralston's letter to the West German address. Ralston is trying to help with his education problem. I plan to summarize his problems for the next report I was writing on human rights. Suggest he communicates with Ralston who is trying to find a university for him. Attached is Ralston letter of 09/30/86 to Turkey and to John Gourlay of 09/30/86 asking if he could list schools who might be interested in helping people. Asks for Gourlay's suggestions. Attached is the letter of 03/01/86 by Gharaie-nejad to the ACM from Turkey. letter from Turkey expands upon his problems. Date of receipt of the letter from Turkey is stamped 03/11/86, presumably by the ACM. However, it did not reach Minker until Sept./Oct. 86.
10/26/85	Minker	Necula	N. Necula thanked Minker for his letter of 10/09/86 to Romanian Ambassador in DC in support of his wife's right to emigrate from Romania.
11/14/86	Gavrioescu	Minker	Amb. Nicolae Gavrioescu of Romanian Embassy in DC. Writes about Maria-Ana Necula, Assoc. Professor at University of Bucharest, stripped of her professorship and demoted. Requested an exit visa herself and daughter to be united with her husband in the US. ACM CSFHR urges him to permit them to emigrate. Notes Romania signed international agreements which permits individuals to emigrate from countries in which they reside. Asks for letter giving grounds for refusal if she is not allowed to emigrate.

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12/08/86	Minker	Hirsch	CCS issued an Action Alert on Victor Fulmakht without mentioning either Minker or Simon Levin as the authors. Did this because Levin was out of the country and prompt action needed. Edited Action Alert attached. Letter to Gorbachev by Fulmakht attached. Fulmakht was involved with registering and processing seismographic data re underground nuclear explosions, considered classified. Developed computer algorithms and programs to process data. The moratorium declared by Gorbachev and the placement of an American seismological station in the Semipalatinsk region affects him. It makes his work unclassified. He has been denied permission by OVIR in 1983 that his case would no longer be considered. Request that Gorbachev issue instructions to have his application reconsidered.
12/ /86	CSCE	CCS	Committee of Concerned Scientists Report of Violations of the Helsinki Final Act, Prepared for the Third Review Meeting of the CSCE in Vienna. 37 page report lists violations by USSR and Rumania. Many individuals are covered in the report.