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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
01/11/88		News Release-CCS	Mathematicians Register Concern for Soviet Colleagues Refused Emigration
01/18/88		News Release-CCS	Astronomers Support Member Denied Emigration-USSR
02/03/88	Ralston	Minker	Encloses draft of 4th human rights report and asks for comments. 1.No new Czechs, Pakistanis or Turks.Should they be discussed? 2. Have I said enough about error on Turks in last report? 3.Mark Morosov died in jail.Should he be highlighted in discussion section? 4. Unclear about status of Ademar Vinales, Uruguay. Asks if report should be sent to embassies of countries mentioned.
02/03/88	Ralston	Minker	Asks Ralston to be on his subcommittee on CSFHR.
02/10/88	Minker	Ralston	Handwritten note on Minker letter 02/03/88.'Of course!'
02/05/08	Helsinki Watch Committee	Minker	Sends draft of rppt. Asks 1. Any computer professionals listed erroneously or who have been released? 2. Any known to them not on list? 3. Is situation discussion on each country correct?
02/05/08	Amnesty Int.	Minker	Same letter as to Helsinki Watch Committee.
02/05/08	AAAS	Minker	Same letter as to Helsinki Watch Committee.
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02/09/88	Gharaie-Nejad	Minker	Sends him statement to be used in the 4th HR report and asks him if I could use his name and to send corrections
02/09/88	Halperin	Minker	Asks if he knows any computer professionals in the world for the 4th HR report or anywhere else.
02/09/88	Nicaragua HR	Minker	Asks Commission Permanente De Derechos Humanos De Nicaragua if they know any Nicaraguan computer professionals whose human rights have been violated.
02/10/88	Minker	Lerner	Writes from Israel to inform him he is now working at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Says, "I have not enough words to express my gratitude to you for all what you've done for me through all these difficult years of struggle. I look forward to come to the US in the near future, and embrace you and discuss with you a lot of problems... With love and great respect."

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02/12/88	CSFHR	Simons	Reports on 01/25/88 meeting of CSFHR members in the Bay Area. Items discussed: appropriateness of holding confs. in Atlanta, Ga.; IBM sponsored conf on distributed computers that had 18 male members; computer science curriculum to introduce moral and ethical issues into CS courses; and someone to review problems individuals may have had with military funding. Reported that Minker will have a Draft of a report for the committee to review on human rights. The CSFHR has to approve the report by a 50% vote. Lists CSFHR Committee members: Peter Deutsch, Xerox Parc; Paula Hawthorne (Co-Chair), Britten Lee; Dan McCracken, CUNY; Jack Minker (Vice-Chair), University of Maryland; Christos Papadimitriou, U.C. San Diego; Anthony Ralston, SUNY at Buffalo; Bernard Roth, Stanford University; and Barbara Simons (Chair), IBM Almaden Res. Cent. Attached material correspondence re policy for employment ads in ACM pubs.; info on Israel Halperin's work to improve conditions in Chile; copies of newsletters published by AAAS Comm. on Sci. Freedom and Responsibility; copy of a prelim. rpt. on federal funding of academic computer science by Joel Yudken and Barbara Simons.
02/16/88		News Release-CCS	Hundreds of American Scientists Petition Soviets to Permit Emigration of Soviet Colleagues at the annual meeting of the AAAS which hosted 14 Soviet scientists. List 20 scientists of more than 120 scientists affected. List includes mathematicians, computer scientists, engineers, physicists, bio-chemists, and physicians.
02/17/88	Minker	Gharaie-Nejad	Says his name can be used in Minker's report. Revises material Minker wrote in letter of 02/09/88. Thanks Minker "...for your interest, your valuable time and your unforgettable sympathy.
03/05/88	Minker	Lerner	Sent by Reuven Rubinstein with note 03/06/88: "Thanks a lot for everything you made on behalf of Prof. Lerner." Lerner expressed "...deep gratitude for all you have for my family and myself. Your impact on my liberation is definitely very great. Now I am happy to let you know that your efforts were not in vain, I am living in the country I have dreamed of, and I have been working in the Weizmann Institute from the third day after our arrival - doing what I was intending to do for more than sixteen years." Son Vladimir and his family emigrated with him and and is working in the Weizmann Institute. Asks if Minker knew someplace in the USA where his son could get a stipend for a half-to-one year to study computer science. He will be in the USA April 1. He will be at UCLA lecturing for four weeks. Looks forward to meeting Minker on his visit to the East coast.

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03/11/88		Science	Letter from Lebowitz, Plotz and Hirsch CCS V. 29, No. 4845 Refuseniks Still in U.S.S.R. Last year brought hopeful developments for human rights in USSR. Surprised with statement by Gobachev that "only those who cannot leave because of state security secrets" are denied exit visas. Cite cases of Yuri Cherniak, Benjamin Charny and others who were ill and denied visas for a long time. Note that there are now at least 805 scientists, engineers, and physicians (and their families) denied exit visas. Of these 122 have waited more than 10 years, and 659 for between 5 and 10 years. Appeal to USSR to grant colleagues permission to emigrate.
03/11/88	Minker	Kilov	Thanks for Minker once more for everything. Recalls meeting Minker at Univ. of Maryland with great pleasure. Expects to be at SIGMOD88 in June. Spoke at last CCS meeting and enclosed text of his remarks. Attached information on Alexander Kushkuley a computer scientist who wishes to emigrate and asks if ACM CSFHR can help. Updates his status - working at CompuServe Data Technologies.
03/15/88	Minker	Bradman	Forwards letter from Elias Pinsker as requested by his son Eugene Grechanovsky. Letter published in The Times, London, March 16, 1988, "No way out for Soviet Expert." Bradman asks Minker to send letter to Learned Societies and newspapers. Pinsker letter attached. He discusses his work as head of Computing Lab in Inst. part of Soviet Academy of Sciences and never took part in security work. Soviets claim he was INFORMED, but never defined what this meant.
03/21/88	Minker	Ralston	Provides comments on draft report sent 02/03/88. Believes sections should be retained; enough has been said about Turks and names should be omitted; Morosov should be listed in back as "probably dead" or "no new information" available; should either get new information or indicates current info is old. attaches correspondence from Shahram Gehraie-Nejad March 7, 1987 and his response to him, March 25, 1987. Comments on Simons suggestion to broaden report to include human rights violations in other countries than those covered in report. Says, "My strong belief is that your report must be tied to individuals not countries. You correctly organize the report and the commentary by country because this enables you to put violations of scientific freedom and human rights in context. However, I believe it would exceed the committee's charter - and create an adverse reaction in ACM - if anything in this report discussed general violations of human rights or scientific freedom where there is no direct knowledge that any of our colleagues have suffered.

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03/23/88	CCS Board	Hirsch	Reviews activities past year and summarizes highlights of Annual Meeting. March 6 meeting bolstered by gratitude from former victims of oppression and bolstered by Asst. Sec'y. State Richard Schifter's avowal of importance of CCS. The impressive activities of the CCS and the remarks by Yacov Al'pert, Victor Brailovsky, Mikhail Fuchs-Rabinovich Vladimir Shulemovich, Haim Kilov and Richard Schifter at the Annual Meeting were summarized.
03/25/88	Simons	Minker	Enclosed two letters for publication in the <i>CACM</i> . If forwarded by Simons it would have a better chance of being published. Letter dated 03/29/88 to Frank Press from Jack Minker discusses <i>NY Times</i> article of 01/13/88 on agreement between Soviet Academy of Science and the National Academy of Science, following the signing, gave a qualified prediction that the most troublesome remaining human rights issue for American scientists - the Soviet contention that some Jewish scientists can be denied immigration because they possess undefined "state secrets" - is on the way to resolution. Welcomes statement by Dr. Marchuk. Brings the case of Dr. Elias Pinsky to Dr. Press's attention and forwards Pinsky's letter published in <i>The Times</i> , London to him. Asks Dr. Press to bring Dr. Pinsky's letter to the attention of Dr. Marchuk.
03/30/88	CSFHR	Simons	Encloses proposed introduction for the report on scientific freedom of computer professionals prepared by Jack Minker. She is "...very grateful to him for his efforts and dedication." She would have liked more information about countries other than the USSR. Realizes how difficult it is to find information. Concerned that most of the names are Soviets, report may be criticized that it is unbalanced. Therefore proposed to delete the survey part of the introduction as it may be considered a 'complete' report. Specifically recommends deleting the country by country review of pages 4 through 12 up to the Notes for the Reader section. Would retain the listing or names of people released since last report. Recommend deleting both the apology paragraph on Turkey "(I don't feel that Jack owes anyone any more apologies about this) and the word Samaria that occurs under the Israel section." Her draft of the preface to the report is attached. I did not agree with the preface she wrote, in particular, a part of a paragraph which was out of the scope of the charter for the CSFHR, "Some under-represented groups that we have not been able to adequately investigate include men and women living in countries that do not allow them to practice their professions because of state sanctioned segregation policies ... or which severely limit their scientific freedoms and human rights because of an oppressive regime. ...". My disagreement with this material is the same as stated by Ralston in his letter to me on 03/21/88.

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04/12/88	Dodek	Minker	Sends second draft of ACM human rights report. Would appreciate it if she reviewed the information.
04/19/88	Hirsch	Minker	Same letter as to Dodek on 04/12/88
04/28/88	Minker	Hazelhurst	Hazelhurst of the univ. of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, responds to Minker letter of 22 April 1988 re human rights of computer scientists in South Africa. Encloses copy of letter sent to <i>CACM</i> 27 October 1986 and a follow up letter of 9 June 1987. Neither letters were found at ACM, and the letters were never received by either Ralston or Minker of the CSFHR. Letter of 27 October 1986, written by Dr. Sibusisi, (Applied Math Dept.), Scott Hazelhurst and Philip Machanick (both of Dept. of Computer Science), lists cases of Abdul Aziz Kader, computer systems analyst from Cape Town, detained (without charge) under provisions of the Internal Security Act on June 17. Mike Hamlyn, a 3rd year Computer Science student at Witwatersrand, detained without trial on July 22, 1985. A number of universities were closed by repressive university or state (either South African or so-called homeland) authorities, and many black students and academics were arrested or assaulted. Letter of 9 June 1987, sent by Scott Hazelhurst, inquires about the letter of 27 October 1986. Hazelhurst never received acknowledgment letters received by ACM. Letter of 28 April 1988 provides some additional information about the security acts under which the individuals were charged. Does not have additional info on Mr. Kader, but recalls reading distressing information a few months earlier. Mr. Hamlyn, who was killed in Botswana, was a white student at the University of Natal, Durban before he left the country to study in Botswana. Dr. Thanda Sibisi, a medical doctor and wife of the co-author of the original letter was detained for a few months. She and her husband are on sabbatical at Cal Tech. Hazelhurst was to try to find more information.
05/??/88	Minker	Brailovsky	Handwritten note from Victor Brailovsky. Received parcel with reprints and book from you. Second part of his trip a9after visit to Maryland) was quite O.K. "I want to send you my gratitude for organizing my visit, for your care and attention. It was a real pleasure to establish personal contact with you."
05/26/88	Minker	Gordon	William E. Gordon, Foreign Sec'y., National Academy of Sciences responded to letter of March 29 to Dr. Frank Press re difficulties met by Dr. Elias Pinsker who wishes to emigrate from USSR. Shares Minker's concern over Soviet restrictions on emigration. Appreciates bringing situation with Pinsker to their attention. Dr. Press will raise the issue with President Marchuk along with other similar cases in the near future. Copies of letter by Gordon sent to: Neil Bradman, Dorothy Hirsch, Shmuel Winograd, Richard Karp, Herbert Simon and Lipman Bers.

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05/26/88	Vianu	Minker	Enclosed info on Eugene Grechanosky that he could use. Letter dated 9 May, 1988 from Jeremy Manuel solicitor for Grechanovsky his father Elias Pinsker and mother Olga. Attaches brief bio of family; paper by Elias, "Soviet Scientific Secrets;" list of papers written by Eugene; copy of The Times article, 03/16/87
06/02/88	Simons	Minker	Encloses final report of sub-committee on SFHR of computer professionals. Sub-committee (McCracken, Ralston, Minker) approved report. Asks Simons to review report and comment before it goes to CSFHR committee so corrections are made before committee votes. Report includes a suggested preface for Simons. It is positive, avoids mention of any country that may have violations for computer but, but do not have factual evidence to support the case. Preface consistent with three previous prefaces. Major changes made earlier DRAFT: 20% less words, 40% less lines and about size of last report. Briefly reviews changes made and that info obtained by Minker from South Africans who had written originally to ACM, but was not reported by ACM headquarters, was received and included. Report contains more countries than in previous reports where violations occurred. Countries mentioned in the past: Pakistan, Turkey and East Germany are not mentioned – strictly within our charter of discussing computer professionals.
06/09/88	Minker	Bruynooghe	Requests support for a chain of solidarity to express support of academic staff for demand to abolish apartheid in South Africa, from Dr. Mzabawzi Mbaya of Univ. Cape Town, Dept. Educ., Rondeborch South Africa.
06/10/88	McEntee	Minker	Thanks McEntee, Sec'y, Chile Comm. for Human Rights, for sending CHILE Update No. 72, 1988. His material cannot be used since it it does not include computer professionals in Chile. May 1988 note from Andy McEntee attached with Minker letter.
06/13/88	Minker	Hollingdale	Neil Bradman sent her my note of 12 May 1988 regarding Lerner manuscript. Reports it is being edited for publication by Henry Stewart Publications in their journal ' <i>Journal of the Academic Proceedings of Soviet Jewry</i> ' and will send material in Sept.
06/15/88	Minker	Farrand	Robert W. Farrand, Deputy Ass't. Sec'y., Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs of US Dep't. of State responds to letter of 11/25/87 on list of computer professionals whose human rights were violated. Reports on recent summit at which Pres. Reagan, Sec'y. State Shultz, Ass't. Sec'y. Schifter strongly condemned Soviet human rights violations. "... made it unequivocally clear that their abuses of individual rights have a serious detrimental effect on U.S.-Soviet relations, and could negatively affect future exchanges, particularly joint science activities." Minker's letter underscored this point.
06/16/88	Minker	Manuel	Thanks Minker for sending letter from Mr. Gordon of National Acad. of Sciences and will read letter to Eugene Grechanovsky. Jeremy Mauel is Grechanovsky's solicitor from Brachan & Co.

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06/24/88	Posner	Minker	Writes Lawyer's Comm. for Human Rights. Asks for legal opinion on tech. matter as to whether Dr. Munther Salah had his human rights violated. Enclosed source of info., report in Palestinian newspaper. Includes a section of Minker report dealing with Dr. Salah. Section includes material from Palestinian report and comments of Amb. Richard Schifter who stated that not permitting Salah to return to the West Bank was not a violation of his human rights. Based on Schifter's comment, reporting him in discussion section, but not including him in section of those whose human rights had been violated. The judgment is being questioned by someone who does not want to rely upon State Department. Asks if Salah's human rights have been violated.
Fall 86		Palestinian University	Article in <i>The Palestinian University</i> , Vol. 1, No. 3, of No. Amer. Academics in Solidarity with Palestinian Universities. (Filed here since related to material in binder.) "An-Najah University President Exiled". Article discusses the case of Dr. Munther Salah, denied entry to West Bank and exiled from birthplace and residence in Nablus. "Dr. Salah left Nablus on 12 September to conduct university business in Amman. On 18 Sept. he received the required return visit permit which would allow him to reenter the West Bank. That evening Salah heard on Israeli television that the "civil administration had decided to cancel his work and residency permit. According to an Israeli official quoted in Palestinian weekly <i>Al Fajr</i> , Dr. Salah 'violated the terms of his work permit by engaging in non-academic activities.' Among other things Dr. Salah had criticized King Hussein's break with the PLO."
06/30/88	Minker	Hanniball	Kari Hanniball, AAAS Office of Sci.Freedom and Responsibility, wrote regarding our phone conversation of 29 June re Salah. AAAS contacted Prof. Mary Gray in math dept., American Univ. She informed AAAS that, "... when the Israeli army occupied the region in 1967, a policy was established denying residency to anyone not living in the West Bank at that time. Professor Gray said that Dr. Salah was abroad in 1967, so despite the fact he is a native of the region, he lost all residency rights. He returned to the West Bank and remained there on work and residency permits issued by Israeli authorities." Hanniball said AAAS had no confirmation of quote attributed to Salah in Fall 1986 issue of <i>Al Fajr</i> . Dr. Gray also told AAAS about some rumors concerning Dr. Salah: Israelis believed he distributed PLO money in the West Bank and there was some disagreement between Dr. Salah and the An-Najah Univ. Board of Trustees, who conspired with Israeli authorities to have Salah exiled. The State Department's legal office advised AAAS Israelis "played fast and loose" with decisions to deport and exile persons from occupied territories. AAAS plans to ask Israel embassy to provide reasons to exile Salah. She says, "In your report, you may wish to note Dr. Salah's case as background and not specifically state that his human rights have been violated. We would prefer to get more information on this case before making a judgment on its merit as a rights abuse case."

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06/30/88	Simons	Minker	Letter of 06/02/88 was apparently not sent until 06/30/88 with the date changed. Handwritten note by Minker notes the letter and the final report was sent to all committee members. Letters to the other committee members are in the binder.
07/05/88	Elahi	Minker	Thanks her for responding to his letter to Mr. Posner and phoning Minker. Encloses first draft of his 4th human rights report. Asks her to review the report and give him comments. He has included Salah both in the introduction and in the list of individuals denied their human rights. Enclosed Kari Haniball's letter of 06/30/88. Thanks her for willingness to investigate the case. Attached is Preliminary Draft of report on Dr. Munther Salah.
07/05/88	Lerner	Minker	Encloses letter from Bradman office 06/13/88 re manuscript for his 70th birthday. Suggests he write Bradman and confirm the date. Hopes his trip to UCLA was productive. Sends him draft of the 4th report on human rights and is concerned report may not be published. Says Rita is still quite ill and past six months were extremely difficult. Sends his regards to Lerner's family.
07/05/88	Corillon	Minker	Carol Corillon was at the National Academy of Science. Minker spoke to her a few days earlier. Asked her to send him a report. Asks if two Somailans scientists whose sentence from the death penalty were in the computer profession. Encloses draft report which is being considered for approval and asks for her comments.
07/05/88	Dudkin	Minker	Responds to Lev Dudkin's letter of 06/21/88, inquiring about status of Lerner book to which he had contributed a translation of an article for the Lerner book he completed in 1985. Responded the manuscript is expected to be published in September 1988. Dudkin is at the Russian Research Center at Harvard University. He was working on two books at once for publication and attached announcements on the books. "Only this year I felt myself free and even decided to organize a new type of journal. Asks Minker to inform his colleagues about the journal.

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07/07/88	Minker	Abrahams	Print out of e-mail from Paul Abrahams who informs Minker, "Regretfully, I must vote against your subcommittee report . . ." Lists reasons: "(1) The fact that 173 of 185 individuals cited are in the Soviet Union creates an unbalanced impression of what is happening in the world. I do not believe that human rights violations are so much worse in the Soviet Union as elsewhere. (2) I further believe that this citation is inappropriate in view of glasnost developments now taking place in the Soviet Union. (3) For some individuals from the Soviet Union, there is no indication they are computer professionals. (4) I believe we should limit ourselves to cases (and they surely exist) where the issue is the ability of computer professionals to practice his or her profession in the spirit of full scientific freedom. I do not see evidence that denial of an exit visa per se meets this criterion, especially given that the issue is religious in nature." Asks that allegations should be sent to governments cited. He also notes, ". . . there are no citations of American computer scientists whose human rights or scientific freedom have been violated. I don't have any examples of such violations, but I recommend that the committee make some effort to locate them if they exist (perhaps by publishing an appropriate notice in the Communications). I also note that such violations may result from actions taken by corporations or educational institutes as well as by governments. In the Soviet Union, similar violations would almost always be attributed to the government."
07/08/88	'Simons'	Minker	Simons letter 06/30/88 sent to Christos Papadimitiou in Greece, where he was working for the summer. Was same letter as sent to other committee members. Handwritten note at end of letter states, "I also sent a copy of the report to your office. I hope that you are having a productive and enjoyable summer in Greece."
07/14/88	Minker	Corillon	Sent report <i>Scientists and Human Rights in Somalia</i> published by the NAS. Does not believe Abdi Yunis had done any work in computers. Provided some constructive comments on the report. "It is important that professional organizations such as the ACM express concern for the plight of their scientific colleagues and around the world. Our experience has shown that these efforts can be very effective."
07/15/88	Bibel	Minker	Dr. Mzabanzi Mbaya of the Univ. of Capetown has initiated a chain of solidarity to express support of academic staff throughout the world to abolish apartheid in South Africa. Maurice Bruynooghe invited me to join the chain. Letter sent to Abrahams, Bibel, Deutsh, Hawthorn, Lassez, McCracken, Papadimitriou, Ralston, Roth and Simons.
07/15/88	Mbaya	Minker	Sends letter to express solidarity with his cause to support abolishment of apartheid in South Africa.

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07/19/88	Arad	Stover	Letter to Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad from Eric Stover, Staff Director, Science and Human Rights Program, AAAS. Requests basis for exile of Dr. Munther Salah, president of An-Najah Univ. Requests reasons for cancellation of Dr. Salah's work and residency permits and the legal recourses available to residents of the West Bank who have been exiled or deported. (Note on letter from Kari Hannibal, 08/08/88, 'Jack, thought you would be interested in the Embassy's response.'
08/02/88	Stover	Matnai	D. Matnai, Minister-Counselor responds to Stover letter 07/19/88 re Dr. Muther Salah. Matnai immediately checked with competent authorities "The facts of the matter are as follows: Dr. Salah was president of the An-Najah University until September 1986. His working permit has not been extended due to his ties to inciting and hostile elements at the University. Dr. Salah assisted together with others, in causing the disturbances that plagued that university in the course of 1986. As for the legal procedures the regional authorities have the right to cancel residency permits as well as working permits. Dr. Salah, has the full rights to appeal on this decision to the High Court of Appeals. His attorneys are empowered to do it on his behalf as well. Up until now, Dr. Salah did not avail himself of these legal proceedings.
08/02/88	Minker	Hirsch	Recommends that Minker delete Liudmila Rabinovich of Moscow and Andrei Zubkov of Moscow.
08/08/88	Minker	Elahi	Maryam Elahi of Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, tried to contact Amb. Schifter's office with respect to Salah, but did not succeed. Enclosed several pages from an Al-Haq book on deportation policies in the Occupied Territories. Due to lack of information her committee cannot evaluate Salah's case under international human rights law. Encloses pp. 18-22, Occasional Paper No. 2, Israel's Deportation in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza, by the Al-Haq Law in the Service of Man, West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists.
08/15/88	News Release	CCS	Mathematicians at centennial celebration press for emigration of Soviet colleagues. Petition sent to Dr. Gurii I. Marchuk, pres. of Academy of Sciences, USSR to facilitate emigration of mathematicians; Pesach Gamburd, Galina Genin, Anatoly Genis, Eugene Grechanovsky, Valery Kanevsky, Yevgeny Lein, Elias Pinsker, Iosef Yanovsky and Roald Zelichonok.
08/19/88		CCS	Call to action on behalf of Dr. Irina Lein by Joel Lebowitz and Paul Plotz co-chairs. Discusses her problems and asks letters be sent to Marchuk and Mirzabekov.

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08/19/88	Rabadan	Minker	Mr. David Rabadan is in Office of Ass't. Secy of Human Rights on Humanitarian Affairs. Asks for advice re Salah case, Sends him (1) Article from Palestinian newsletter. (2) 30 June 1988 letter from Kari Hannibal, AAAS. (3) June 28, 1988 letter to Michael Posner Lawyers Comm. for Human Rights. (4) 19 July 1988 letter from Eric Stover, AAAS to Israel Amb. Moshe Arad. (5) Response from Israel Embassy August 2, 1988. (6) Letter from Maryam Elahi, Lawyer's Comm. HR. (7) Letter from Minker to Simons re background on proposed Draft of Salah case. (8) Message from Paul Abrahams with his dissenting comments re the report. Report was submitted to 9 members of the CSFHR for approval. Report approved by 6 members, 1 member dissented, and 2 members did not vote. Spoke to Rabadan on August 17 and 19, 1988.
08/19/88	Simons	Minker	Completed revision of text of 4th HR Report. No major changes, except for material on Dr. Salah. Assuming Simons agrees with PRELIMINARY DRAFT re Salah, he will be deleted from the case description. Abrahams phoned Minker and said he is writing a dissent to the report. I asked for a copy and said I would respond to his dissent so we could iterate on our comments.
08/19/88	Simons	Minker	Provides information on the Salah case to Simons. Asks for her advice. My sense was: "...to discuss his case fully in the text, and to state that we were unable to establish if it is a human rights case, in spite of the response by the Israeli Embassy." This was the advice given by Hannibal and Elahi.
08/19/88	McCracken	Minker	Sent same letter to McCracken as to Simons on 08/19/99.
08/19/88	Ralston	Minker	Sent same letter to Ralston as to Simons on 08/19/99.
08/23/88	CSFHR	Abrahams	Informs CSFHR that he will dissent to the report and asks for a rebalot of the report based on his dissent. He sends slightly expanded version of dissent he sent Minker on 07/07/88 and supplies additional comments: One of his objections to the report concerned the lack of human rights violations in the U. S. He stated, "The committee has already been involved in one U.S. case (John Sopka Sr. which is not mentioned in the report. I also note that human rights scientific freedom violations may result from actions taken by corporations or educational institutions as well as by government. In the Soviet union, similar violations would almost always be attributed to the government." He further stated, "I am concerned that some of the organizations that provided Jack with his list of names are not scientific organizations, and I do not have full confidence in the accuracy of the information they have provided." He also recommended that "...as standard practice we should submit our citations to the governments involved for comment and rebuttal before releasing those citations." He also stated, "Were the list of cases to be reduced to those few where the information is indisputable and the violation clear, I would not object to this report."

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08/??/88		Minker	Undated handwritten Draft of response to Abrahams e-mail of 08/23/88. Responds to each item in Abrahams's message. See typed Draft of response 08/30/88 and suggested comments by McCracken and Ralston. The final email sent to the committee members was not found in the files. It is undoubtedly the typed version with corrections suggested by McCracken and Ralston.
08/23/88	CCS Board	Hirsch	Updates the CCS Board on activities as the last update, written shortly after the Moscow Summit, ended on a note of dim hope. There has been no progress in the interim. Lists what has happened to several scientists, including some computer professionals.

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08/30/88		Minker	<p>Typed Draft of e-mail response to Abrahams dissent 08/23/88. Attached are e-mails from Ralston, 030/88, and McCracken 08/25/88. The responses below are an amalgam of the material in all three documents States the Report was reviewed by McCracken, Ralston and Simons, all of who made comments that resulted in revisions. Facts were checked for accuracy by Carol Corillon, human Rights Section of the National Academy of Science; Kari Hanniball of the Human Rights Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Dorothy Hirsch of the Committee of Concerned Scientists; Joan Dodek of the Washington Committee for Soviet Jewry and others. Every statement is supported by evidence, and checked with multiple sources in almost every case. The following major points were made with respect to Abrahams's dissent. (1) The preponderance of Soviet names is due in part to their large population and of computer professionals. (2) The issue before CSFHR is not political conditions in any country but the violation of scientific freedom human rights of our colleagues no matter where they are. As glasnost is leading to a reduction in such violations in the Soviet Union is wonderful. But the issue is the current state of violations in the Soviet Union and there still are many. (3) Abrahams states there are individuals on the list who are not computer professionals but offers no evidence to support his claims. (4) The Declaration of Human Rights Article 13, states, "Everyone has the right to leave their country, including his own, and return to his country. In the Soviet Union if one asks for an exit visa, they are dismissed from their jobs. (5) Overall, the policy of the Soviets with respect to their citizens is just not the point. Our charter properly restricts us to report on computer professionals whose human rights have been violated. (6) We have no information on violations of human rights or scientific freedom in the U.S. It is astonishing that Abrahams would cite the Sopka case as a violation of human rights: he was a signer of the ACM's brief, which went to great pains to speak only of the public policy issue of whether computer science curriculum is a matter of public policy. (7) The sources not being scientific organizations is an amazing allegation given the international reputation of these organizations. (Amnesty International, for example, has won a Nobel peace prize. (9) Gov'ts. were contacted for the first report we wrote on human rights before publication. No responses were received which convinced us it would not be useful to send subsequent reports to governments. Still, if the CSFHR believe this should be done, in the future, we'd be happy to comply. (9) As noted earlier, every individual on the list has been verified to have had their human rights violated. Despite the difficulty of getting and verifying the information in these reports, only once has there been an error in the report since the first report was issued in 1981.</p>

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09/19/88	Abrahams	Minker	Encloses copy of textual part of the Human Rights Report–1988, to be submitted to the <i>CACM</i> . Not sending the case studies since some deletions are needed. Outlines changes to Report since CSFHR approval: new title to report, suggested by Simons; expanded discussion of case of Dr. Munther Salah; update of Soviets who were permitted to emigrate since CSFHR voted; and clarification of Tayana Velikanova case requested by Simons. Other changes are insignificant. Simons plans to change her Preface to report. I plan to make changes to the report up to the time of publication. will apprise Simons of changes, inform Abrahams so that he may change any dissent he plans to make with the report. Minker would be pleased to discuss any questions he may have with the report.
10/11/88	Minker	Manuel	Solicitor for Grechanovsky informs Minker Grechanovsky has been given permission to emigrate. Unfortunately his parents, Elias Pinsker Olga Grecahnovsky have not been given permission. British Cabinet minister raised Pinsker case with Dr. Marchuk.
10/18/88	Minker McCracken	Ralston	Sends Draft of response to the dissent to the 4th HR report, says it needs editing. Asks if it is too strong. “Best to come from Dan and me or not?” No response from Minker was found. Doubt: he responded since he was in mourning for his wife who died October 18, 1988. He did not sign the response. Draft Attached.
10/26/88	Simons	Ralston	Attached response to dissenters of the Minker Report. Appears with letter and with the report, “Scientific Freedom and Human Rights of Computer Professionals–1989,” Jack Minker, <i>Communications of the ACM, August 1989, Volume 32, Number 8, pp. 957–974.</i>
10/31/88	Board		Ruth Newman, Exec. Dir. of the Wash. Comm. for Soviet Jewry, spoke to Elena Keiss-Kuna in Leningrad. She and husband received exit visas from USSR, leaving for Israel in 2 months.
10/01/80		ACM Council	Policy and Procedures Guidelines: Division, 8, Boards and Section, 3, External Activities Board; Subsection 9, Committee on Committees; Scientific Freedom and Human Rights; 1 Scientific Freedom. Issue Date 10/01/80 updates Council (02/24/78) The Resolution on Scientific Freedom is adopted - lists resolution: Argument and Implementation 2 pages (8.3.9.1). Updated Executive Committee (06/08/78). In (8.3.9.2) subsection 9, item 2, Potentially Sensitive Actions or Statements (1 of 2 pages), discusses Guidelines, Rationale, Procedures. In (8.3.9.0) subsection 8, item 0, updates Council (02/14/80) Established Committee on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights as a standing committee. Discusses Membership, Comments, Charter, 1 of 3 pages.

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12/ /88		Minker	<p>Notes written December 1988 by Minker giving a chronicle of events re manipulations in delaying Fourth ACM report on human rights edited by Minker. Abrahams added to Committee before was taken. JULY 1988 - Report submitted to CSFHR beginning of July. Simons leaves for Europe after extensive revisions suggested by the subcommittee, Dr. Simons and scientific organizations. AUG 5, 1988 - 6 for 1 against 2 no response. Minker waited for Simons to return from trip to Europe. AUG 12, 1988 - Message from Minker to Committee announcing vote. AUG 18, 1988 - Message from Simons - asks Abrahams for compromise. Abrahams announced his intent to dissent. AUG 19, 1988 - Abrahams sends first dissent to the report to the and asks for rebalot. AUG 19, 1988 - discussion with Abrahams on phone at his initiation. AUG 19, 1988 - Minker sends Simons revision of introduction to report for publication. AUG 26, 1988 Simons requests Minker send revision to Abrahams and states, "I realize that Paul's objections are not specifically tied to the introduction and I also feel Paul will find the current introduction more to his liking than the earlier version he had seen." Requests change of title "Human Rights of Computer Professionals." States, "I nonetheless intend to delay (publishing report) until we have completed all the documents that will be included in the report." AUG 30, 1988 - Simons announces that Kocher and Hertzog must be on committee. Simons mails them copies of revised report. AUG 29 - Kocher agrees with Abrahams although he has not seen the report. AUG 30 - Minker expresses concern to Simon that, "placing Kocher and another person on the committee may overturn a vote that was taken before they arrived on the scene. ... The reason for Paul on the committee was to satisfy the Council requirement. Now we have 3 members from Council. AUG 31 - Message Ralston to Simons objects to Abraham remaining on the Committee if Kocher/Herzog are on it. AUG 31 - Minker sends our first response to Abrahams dissent signed by Minker, McCracken and Ralston. SEP 8 - Minker requests approval to go ahead with report since no none has apparently changed their views. SEP 9, Minker hears from Simons and agrees to wait a reasonable length of time. SEP 12 - Simons says Abrahams wants final copy of the introduction so he may write his dissent. SEP 16 - McCracken reports Kocher will not join dissent. SEP 16 - Simons announces Kocher endorses report - wants completion end September SEP 19 - Minker mails Simons and Abrahams revised text to report.</p>

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12/ /88		Minker	Continuation of Notes written December 1988 by Minker giving a chronicle of events re manipulations in delaying Fourth ACM report on human rights edited by Minker. SEP 22 - Simons message states: "I was not at work today, but I spoke to Paul yesterday and I know that he received it. As I had suspected, he didn't have any real problem with the introduction." He said that if the report were to be published without the list of names, he would not feel the need to write a dissent. SEP 25 - Abrahams sends revised dissent for publication. NOV 2 - counter dissent mailed to committee. NOV 2 - Minker informs he will send report, dissent and counter dissent to Denning. NOV 4 - Simons intends to write cover letter to go to Denning in a week. NOV 15 - Simons delays revision to Preface to speak with Herzog who is going to be in Palo Alto Nov. 21. NOV 21 - Simons states, "Bert Herzog, who as chair of the external affairs committees of the ACM is a de facto member of our committee. He has some good suggestions about the report, but he has not seen the most up-to-date version of it." She requests report be sent to him. NOV 22 - Simons sends new Preface. DEC 2 - Message from Ralston to Simons - no reason to delay; Hertzog not heard from - no compromise suggested; suggests inappropriateness of Preface. DEC 5 - Simons sends Herzog comments out (Minker comment - Herzog message not found in his files.). a revised report - if subcommittee refuses - dismiss them-appoint new editor. Threatens to do everything in his power to block report. DEC 6 - Message from McCracken to Committee. McCracken refuses to have further contact unless threat by Herzog is withdrawn.FEB 6 - Minker message to Simons responding to John White's message to go ahead with publication and asking to hear from her to start things in motion.