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J. Minker

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DATE	TO	FROM	DESCRIPTION
12/05/74	J. Minker	A. Lerner	Says he is O.K. with being a member of the panel and participating with Minker. Handwritten notes of conversation with John McCarthy dated 1/13/75. McCarthy says plan is to hold informal sessions organized by session organizers and need not to be done in advance. It is a set up and does not have to appear on the program. Would give personal pledge he would p (I believe he said he would participate in panel, but I have no record). Says Glushkov has written on AI and Cybernetics.
06/01/75		Tech Review	Lerner offered visiting professorship at M.I.T.
06/24/75	Marc Kac	G. Ledin	Wants to join Kac's Comm. for Tverdokhlebov
07/01/75	Eero Peltola	J. Minker	Says he is dissapointed to not be able to visit
07/01/75	SIGART membs	J. Minker	"The Soviet Union and a Breach of International Standards" Reviews Lerner being denied permission to attend <i>IJCAI4</i> . Says will not attend <i>IJCAI4</i> conf if Lerner barred asks others to join his protest.
07/01/75	Pat Winston	J. Minker	Notes re conversation with Pat Winston re <i>IJCAI4</i> meeting and Winston's phone call to Soviet counterparts. Winston phoned Soviets 6/30/75 they confirmed Lerner story. Winston thought phone was bugged. Soviets say Lerner will attend. Soviets say reaction of KGB will be measured by Org. Comm. reaction. Possible Comm. steps: 1. Treat as internal Soviet issue; 2. Treat as breach int. standards - move conf.; 3. Prepare demonstration on site - McCarthy's preference. Org. Comm. members: 2 Soviets, Sandewall, Winston, Yosiaky Shirai, Earnest, Clowes, Pat Hayes, Minsky, McCarthy. Concensus was for dignified demonstration.
07/02/75	Pat Winston	Minker	Minker believes he must send letter to SIGART members. Winston - have session at Lerner's home-tape record Play tape recorded comments at conf. Speak to McCarthy when Minker returns from vacation. Minker believes Soviet comment 'reaction of KGB will be measured to our reaction' is poppycock.

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07/03/75	Pat Winston	Minker	Pat spoke to Soviets for 1 1/2 hours. They spoke with their authorities—claim Lerner was not denied approval. Jerome Weisner, President MIT invited Lerner to be faculty member
07/03/75	James Adams	J. Minker	Requests use of the mailing list of the special interest group for artificial intelligence of the ACM.
07/07/75	J. Buchanan	J. Minker	Would like his letter to the SIGART membership to appear in the SIGART newsletter.
07/07/75	Edith Myers	Minker	Editor, DATAMATION. Sends SIGART member letter. Asks her to place info re boycott in DATAMATION.
07/07/75	Herb Grosch	J. Minker	Liked his editorial of 06/11/75 and hopes can publicize it to SIGART membership. Sends copy of boycott
07/11/75		CCS	News release—joint US Soviet space flight hope for human rights
07/14/75	J. Minker	G. Ledin Jr.	Supports Minker with Lerner and <i>IJCAI4</i>
07/15/75	Pat Winston	M.L. Rhodes	Does not think <i>IJCAI'75</i> should be held in Tblisi
07/15/75	Sandewall	R.W. Floyd	Does not want <i>IJCAI'75</i> to be held in Tblisi.
07/16/75	Minker	B. Margolis	Doesn't agree with Minker boycott. Naive comments.
07/16/75	Minker	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL - NAME - COUNTRY ORIGIN NOT TO BE RELEASED. Former citizen of 'A Soviet Satellite Country.' Believes 'The Soviets will break any promise, any agreement or any standard, if it suits them. Agrees with boycott.
07/18/75	Sandewall	J.M. Scher	Does not like the way the Soviets are acting.
07/18/75	Minker	E. Ashenberg	Enclosed list of those responding to boycott letter.
07/19/75	Sandewall	C. Hedrick	Supports Minker position re boycott, but not entirely.
07/21/75		CCS	As of week 07/21/75 list #2- removal only of <i>IJCAI4</i> ; Full support; Do not support.
07/??/75		CCS	List: Remove + No-Attend <i>IJCAI4</i> 8pp + Note to Sandewall; Remove Only;
07/21/75		ACM	Resolution on Sponsorship of Internat. Conferences Approved motion of Aaron Finerman, <i>Comm. ACM</i> , July 1975, Volume 18, Number 7, p. 426.
07/21/75	Jean Sammett	Gary Carlson	Asks <i>ACM</i> President withdraw support from <i>IJCAI4</i> in view of Minker boycott letter.
07/22/75	L. Chertoff	Earl Callen	Says that if CCS needs him to help he will help, but he would like to serve somewhere else.
07/22/75		JTA News	Exit Visa Requests Increasing - Ovsei Gelman received permission to emigrate to Israel.
07/23/75	Sandewall	Herb Simon	Does not like that Lerner is restricted from coming to the Tblisi conference. 'The exclusion of Professor Minker from a conference symposium— even if he agreed to it—is as unacceptable as the restrictions placed on Dr. Lerner.
07/23/75	Minker	E. Ashenberg	SIGART Foreign Mailing List - totals for each country.

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07/23/75	McCarty/ Sandewall	Minker ??	With notes of Winston 07/01/75 - Drafting letter to Berg or Keldysch. They are disturbed by <i>NY Times</i> article. Discussed form of protest at <i>IJCAI4</i> .
07/24/75	Earl Callen	L. Chertoff ??	Tells him why he is no longer Vice chairmen for Physical Sciences.
07/25/75	Chertoff	T. Press	Tells Lilli Brailovsky wishes to participate in Tbilisi conference, doesn't know if will be allowed to attend.
07/25/75	Sandewall	T. Press	Deposited \$50 for Brailovsky to attend <i>IJCAI4</i> . Requests lists of Swedes registered so he can ask them to support Brailovsky attending.
07/25/75	Lerner	J. Minker	Unhappy Lerner not permitted to attend <i>IJCAI'75</i> and most people want conference moved from USSR
07/26/75		Wash. Post	Cuban Officials Effort to Visit U.S. Blocked
07/27/75	A.I. Berg	Sandewall	with McCarthy and Earnest say if Lerner not allowed to go to <i>IJCAI75</i> there will be a public protest.
07/28/75	McCarthy	Minker	Notes of phone conversation with McCarthy. Probably initiated by McCarthy. McCarthy received letter from J. Gelfand who states he is panel co-chair with McCarthy - wants McCarthy to sketch his ideas re panel. McCarthy never heard of him and asked if Minker knew how he got on the panel. Minker had no idea.
07/28/75	J. Minker	M. Rukin	Rukin apparently phoned Minker re letter from Lerner. Sent copies of Lerner letter and list to whom to sent. Also includes other documents and CONFIDENTIAL TRIP REPORT to USSR June 20 - July 5, 1975. Also includes letter he wrote Minker on 07/24/75. (Material in inside jacket to binder.)
07/28/75	CCS Exec Brd	L. Chertoff	Visits to Soviet Union are useful - should be coordinated with CCS. Attaches <i>NY Times</i> Letter to Editor of 07/26/75 from H.Z. Cummins and Peter Pershan giving their experience attending joint USA/USSR sponsored international conference and Moscow scientific gathering at Mark Azbel's apartment.
07/29/75	Earl Callen	Jack Cohen	Glad Callen specified reasons for qualms re CCS. Talks about CCS and asks Callen to let him know if he finds a better organization.
07/31/75	Minker	CCS	List #3-those supporting removal from Tbilisi only.
07/??/75	Minker		News re Lerner barred from <i>IJCAI4</i> in Tbilisi. News Source unknown.
08/01/75	J. Minker	E.Seneta	Australian, Ukrain Jewish origin sends brochure re Lenoid Plyushch

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08/06/75	A.Logunov	Herb Grosch	Vice President, ACM, asks Academician Logunov for his support for Prof. Turchin to receive exit visa to take U.S. university post. Includes card supporting boycott of <i>IJCAI4</i> .
08/06/75	J.Gelfand	McCarthy	Responds to Gelfand letter. Discusses panel of which he has replaced J. Minker as co-chair. Outlines ideas for panel re Artificial Intelligence and Cybernetics. Has asked Max Clowes to be on panel, asks Gelfand to confirm Ershov and Briabrin.
08/07/75	Chertoff	B.R. Cooper	Describes his views why he is a vice-chair of CCS. In response to Callen and Chertoff correspondence.
08/08/75	J. Minker	V. Marinov	Sends him letter he tried to have published in <i>SIGART Newsletter</i> asking for guarantees of safety at Tbilisi. In letter to Minker he believes, "... my messages were ignored probably in an effort not to embarrass the Soviets."
08/08/75	Minker	E. Ashenberg	list #4-persons indicating full support
08/11/75	Chertoff	J. Sklansky	Itinerary for September 1-10, 1975
08/11/75			List of people registered for IJCAI-75
08/12/75	J. Minker	Lerner	Responds to Minker letter 07/25/75. Says <i>NY Times</i> article corresponds to the facts. Tried to obtain hotel in Tbilisi, but Dr. Samoilenko does not respond to him. Sends copy of presentation at <i>IJCAI4</i> . Copy of presentation sent by R. Tucker, Pennsylvania 8/22/75.
08/13/75		<i>Computerworld</i>	Article re Turchin's appeal for exit visa denied. Article re Lerner being barred from <i>IJCAI4</i> discusses Jack Minker's letter to <i>SIGART</i> members urging boycott. States 315 responses want to change site and boycott otherwise; 85 remove only; 6 do not move or boycott. Some members of committee planning a protest on site if Lerner barred. Minker certain if a protest occurs, "It will be in good taste."
08/13/75	Gary Carlson	Jean Sammet	Response to his letter of July 21st 1975
08/15/75	Colleagues	E.Stanley/J.Cohen	Informs them about the conference in Tblisi.
08/19/75	J. Minker	Bob Watson	Sent copy of <i>Computerworld</i> article by Edith Holmes, says, "It takes courage to take such a strong but necessary position."
08/20/75		<i>Computerworld</i>	Editorial in <i>Computerworld</i> takes ACM to task by participating in <i>IJCAI4</i> , Vol. IX, No. 34. Jean Sammet, Pres. ACM responds ACM has no role with respect to <i>IJCAI4</i> in Letter, 9/3/75, Vol. IX, No. 36.
08/21/75		??	KGB ban on Russian leads to boycott
08/22/75			List #6 those giving full support (categories a & b)
09/04/75		??	Pro-Russian protest grows

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09/05/75	J. Minker	John McCarthy	Telegram from Tbilisi - "LERNER ON PANEL GOLOSTEINS IN AUDIENCE CONFERENCE UNEVEWTFUL MAYBE PRECEDENTFUL GEORGIA BEAVTIFUL ESPECIALLT TASTFUL NO CROWING MCCARTHY"
09/09/75		David Shipler	<i>NY Times</i> article re Tbilisi, "Moscow Admits Would-Be Emigre To Science Parley," page 3.
09/11/75	Exec Board	Cohen and Stanley	"Conference on AI, Tblisi, September 3rd, 1975." Enclose article in <i>NY Times</i> , 09/09/75 by David Shipler, "Soviet Parley Admits Dissident Scholar." They thank Jack Minker for his efforts.
09/12/75		CCS News Release	Re Lerner atending IJCAI in Tblisi. Quote Minker, who was pleased with the Soviet reversal of their stand and stated, "Soviet interest in and need for scientific exchange with the West provide an important lever with which we can obtain Soviet adherence to international standards of scientific behavior and the principles of free contact between all scientists."
09/14/75	Minker	I. Manekofsky	On eve of Yom Kipur sends "Yasher Koach" for Tbilisi activities. Says, "What this movement needs is a few thousand Jack Minkers – one for each refusenik."
09/14/75		<i>NY Times</i>	Page 9, Ideas and Trends section, "Soviet Scientist Wins a Point," states, re Lerner, "But when Western scientists objected to his exclusion and threatened to demonstrate, the Soviet Governement retreated and allowed Mr. Lerner to attend."
09/16/75	Minker	Jack Cohen	Congratulates Minker, on behalf of Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington for '...outstanding efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry' for efforts at Tbilisi Conference.
09/16/75	Minker	H. Eugene Stanley	Congratulates him on his decisions during Tbilisi - sends a few articles
09/17/75	Minker	Michael B.Rukin	Says that an article had some wrong facts and suggests he write to editor to corect mistakes.
09/18/75	Minker	Lipman Bers	Congratulates him on his great victory.
09/21/75	Minker	David Prital	Secretary-General of Scientists Committee of the Israel Public Council For Soviet Jewry thanks Minker for his efforts for Alexander Lerner.
09/21/75	Minker	Jack S.Cohen	"This is a personal thanks, to add to the institutional thanks, for your magnificent efforts on the Tbilisi conference. I wish the rest of us who try to keep CCC going could match your persistence."

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09/??/75	Lilli Chertoff	Earl Callen	Tells Lilli he sent letter to Gelman in July or August with copies to Academy Science USSR saying, group of foreign scientists coming to Tbilisi will make an incident if Gelman does not attend or given exit visa before conference. (Minker COMMENT - Callen neither coordinated with me on his letter nor sent me a copy.)
09/22/75	Earl Callen	Lilli Chertoff	Tells him she likes to talk to him and would like him to keep writing her. Comments on Callens message: Re Tbilisi, alls well that ends well, and every effort is appreciated. I'm glad Jack Minker didn't know in July that you had gone out on a limb on behalf of the Conference registrants. His meticulous attention to principle, detail and step-by-step strategy precluded outside help until the final days.
09/23/75	Minker	Lilli Chertoff	Tells him he is a wonderful writer but will not put his letter in CURRENT. The letter refers to Minker's appreciation of her help. Encloses letter dated 9/19/75 from Joan Dale, Medical and Scientific Committee for Soviet Jewry, congratulating her and Jack Minker re Tbilisi, saying '...it was a victory in the fight for Soviet Jewry.' Attaches <i>Nature</i> , Vol. 257, Sept. 4, 1975 article, "Tbilisi: a conference with problems, by Vera Rich"
09/23/75	N.V. Podgorny	Columbia Univ.	Petition to Chairman, Presidium of Supreme Soviet, The Kremlin, ask for amnesty for Scientists of Conscience.
09/25/75	Lilli Chertoff	Jack Sklansky	CONFIDENTIAL Report concerning Sklansky's trip to Tbilisi. Relates who was at Rosh Ha Shanah dinner at Goldsteins, Lerner's trip to Tbilisi where he was followed by KGB, Raphael's role in reinstating Goldsteins at conference.
09/26/75	???	Minker	Notes on conversation with unnamed person. Says Russians made no concessions until McCarthy et al. came to Tbilisi. It was conceivable Lerner would be arrested if he came to the conference. Chavchanidze made the deal that Lerner could appear. He pinned Lerner's badge on him. Chavchanize, Lerner, and McCarthy would arrive together. Lerner was a cool head in all of this. He made himself popular with all his colleagues. Chavchanidze said Lerner was a gentleman (Mark Eisenman?) Yakimovsky lost enthusiasm for going and did not stay in London. They browbeat some Russian into calling (Stefayuk). Believes Soviets in Washington did not act correctly.
09/30/75	Minker	Harold Broko	Sends article in <i>HERITAGE</i> 9/26/75 - "Russ KGB Bows to U.S. Scientists."

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10/01/75		VIGIL	Wash. Comm. Soviet Jewry. Discuss cases and Minker role in Lerner speaking in Tbilisi.
10/02/75		CCS	News Release-petition re refusenicks
10/03/75	Minker	Ovsei Gelman	Thanks him for his support and encouragement which undoubtedly ensured the victory. Written from Israel. Looking for job in Israel.
10/06/75	Minker	Joan Dale	"thanks him for what he's done for Professor Lerner, Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Gelman and sends a copy of an article in <i>Nature</i> "
10/06/75	Minker	Herbert N.Beller	Forwards copy of Dr. Oklier's resume, publication list and material from the Goldstein brothers re Tbilisi.
10/14/75	Minker	Lilli Chertoff	We can see how your fame has spread. Includes extracts from <i>Computing, London</i> .
10/15/75	Minker	Dr.Lev A.Karp	Responds to Minker letter and parcel. Conveys gratitude and respect to Congressman Fish. Discusses his interest and asks for some books.
10/23/75		Computing Europe	"A Nightmare life: haunted by the KGB," about Ovsei Gelman
11/03/75	Lee Erman	Lilli Chertoff	Asks him to publish letter from Goldstein's (not included - probably handwritten material sent to Minker). Tells him Dr.Isai Goldshtein ordered to present himself for a medical exam preparatory to military conscription. He is 10 yrs. past normal age military service.
11/10/75	Minker	Alexander Lerner	Expressing his gratitude towards him for helping him participate in IJCAI'75
11/10/75		CCS News Release	5 distinguished scientists refuted Soviet charge Western scientists disinterested in fate of Russian colleagues.
11/11/75	Minker	John McCarthy	"I see no inaccuracy in your statement about what happened or about my point of view, except possibly that the Soviet objection was to you as panel chairman rather than as a panel member. However, I wasn't there. I still think that it is better to go to the Soviet Union and put up some kind of fight for human rights than not to go at all."
12/23/75	Minker	Lilli Chertoff	Thanks him for his kind words at CCS Annual Meeting. Pleased to meet Minker and Rita. Encloses letter from Bruce Alberts, who suggested Minker and Chertoff write their experiences for others..
12/23/75	Minker	Stanley H.Lowell	Chairman, National Conference on Soviet Jewry. his Thanks him for help with human rights and asks him if he could assist him in anyway. Jerry Goodman, his Executive Director, briefed him on Minker presentation at Annual Meeting of CCS.

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12/24/75	Minker	Anthony Ralston	Asks for suggestions and literature that could help him with his AFIPS Presidential Address.
??/??/??	Allen H.Kassof	G.W.Stewart	Concerns an action taken by a number of department chairmen at UMD.