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12 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/ []

SUBJECT: Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago

1. [] staff heralds the appearance of this book as more important than any other literature which has yet come out of the Soviet Bloc and is deeply concerned that its exploitation in the West be handled with care. They believe that the greatest effect could be achieved if the pressure of world opinion forced the Soviets to publish the book for domestic use. They are also concerned with the well-being of Pasternak and the effect on other writers inside the Soviet Union who would try to write an independent message to the Soviet public.
2. For these reasons, [] takes the following position:
 - a. Dr. Zhivago should be published in a maximum number of foreign editions, for maximum free world discussion and acclaim and consideration for such honor as the Nobel prize.
 - b. No Russian version should be published by [] or any other obviously political publisher.
 - c. Radio Liberation should not broadcast the Russian text until it is published but should concentrate on reporting independent reviews.
3. [] has not yet obtained the Russian manuscript of the book, but is quietly seeking the manuscript.
4. It is recommended that the views of SR Division and of [] be obtained on this approach and that U.S. action on the exploitation of the book be coordinated, concentrating on obtaining for it widespread publication and acclaim.

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