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jointly with Feltrinelli, the Italian publisher who claims to hold all foreign rights.

As additional copies become available, they will be furnished to [ ] for use in contact and mailing operations and for travellers to take into the USSR. An effort is being made [ ] [ ] to establish an escrow account in Pasternak's name for the author's share in the royalties from the sale of the book.

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8 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT:  Notes - SR Division

Availability of "Dr. Zhivago" in Russian. Approximately 800 of the first 1000 Russian language copies of Boris Pasternak's novel, "Dr. Zhivago," have been transmitted to  for distribution to Soviet personnel and tourists in Western Europe and attending the Brussels Fair. The Russian edition of the book is expected to be published this week by Mouton, a well-known publishing firm in Holland.

Pasternak is recognized by non-Soviet critics to be the greatest living Russian writer. "Dr. Zhivago" is considered to be the best Russian novel to appear since the Revolution and to be an important stimulant to independent thinking. The Soviet Union rejected "Dr. Zhivago" for publication in the USSR.

SR Division has been instrumental in having the original Russian edition published so that this significant literary work can be made available to Soviet travellers during the summer tourist season. A copy of the original manuscript was obtained  In deference to the author's request that the book not be published in Russian in the U.S., a European publisher was used. To expedite the publication, typesetting of the Russian manuscript was performed in N.Y. and negatives of the reproduction proofs prepared

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