

DISPATCH		TOP SECRET	
TO: [REDACTED]		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. [REDACTED]	
FROM: Chief, SR		DATE: 17 DEC 1958	
SUBJECT: RUSSWOOD/PSYCH Distribution of Russian copies of Dr. Zhivago.		RE: "MS-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY	
REFERENCE:			

1. We are forwarding under separate cover 9 copies of the Russian edition of Dr. Zhivago. We regret that we cannot send you the number of copies requested but this is all the number that are available at Headquarters.

2. As you know, the whole Soviet treatment of the Pasternak affair has already made the author a symbol of the Soviet intellectuals' aspirations for creative freedom. [REDACTED] there has been a student demonstration in Moscow University regarding the regime's censorship of the book. Other reports indicate that a number of Soviet intellectuals and students have been desperately attempting to get copies of the book.

3. Because of the inherent value of the book to a Soviet reader and because of the broader problem that it presents to the regime, we would like to make the book available to as many Soviet readers as possible. For various reasons, however, the book must be handled with great care. As a result of the dispute between Feltrinelli and Mouton, the Dutch publisher, the book was published as an illegal edition. About 500 copies of the book were then distributed to Soviet visitors at the Brussels Fair. Articles in the West European press made it known that Soviet visitors were obtaining these copies; we may, therefore, assume that Soviet authorities are aware of the fact that a certain number of the books have already been taken into the USSR and that efforts may be made to smuggle in other books. Soviet customs officials may have been instructed to search travelers' baggage for this particularly hot item.

4. To avoid having the book confiscated and to prevent Soviet authorities linking the book to [REDACTED] the following precautions should be taken in distributing it:

- a. The [REDACTED] should provide travelers or agents with a good cover story regarding the source of the book. Under no circumstances should the traveler say that the book came from an American official. The following are a few stories which might be used:
 - (1) The book was bought from a Russian emigre in a city where the traveler had been before he went to the Soviet Union.
 - (2) The book was obtained from someone who got it at the Brussels Fair.
 - (3) It was bought at a Russian book store in [REDACTED] etc.
- b. The book should only be given to reliable travelers or agents.
- c. For the time being, it should not be given to American travelers going to the USSR; nor should Americans give it directly to Soviet officials or visitors.

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<p>d. Special care should be taken in concealing the book at border points and inside the USSR.</p> <p>e. It is better to give the book to travelers going by air since the likelihood of getting the book through is much greater than if it is taken in by train.</p> <p>5. We would appreciate knowing how many of the books have been given to Soviet citizens and any of their reactions. Additional books can be ordered directly from Mouton & Co. Herderstraat 5, The Hague Netherlands. A new legal edition will be ready around 1 January 1959. If it is difficult for the <div></div> to order additional copies, Headquarters can assist in obtaining them.</p> <p>18 November 1958</p> <p>Attachments: s/c Books</p> <p>Distribution:</p> <div data-bbox="147 716 440 919" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 180px;"></div> <div data-bbox="696 585 1122 709" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 262px;"></div>		
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