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the capability of giving the book to travelers going into the USSR for internal distribution. Some American travelers will similarly carry the book into the Soviet Union. Plans are also being made to mail a certain number of the books to students and members of the Soviet intelligensia.

5. An attempt is being made to inform Pasternak that an Escrow account from the sale of the book has been set up in his name. Pasternak will be told that funds from this account will be available if he is ever in a position to use them.

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MEMORANDUM FOR PP NOTES

SUBJECT: Publication of Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago

1. The Russian edition of Boris PASTERNAK's novel Dr. Zhivago will be published this week by [redacted] in Holland. Arrangements have been made for [redacted] to receive the first thousand copies of the book off the press. These will be distributed to Soviet visitors at the Brussels Fair and in Western Europe. [redacted] The [redacted] has been instrumental in having the original Russian edition of the book published. Observing that this great anti-communist philosophical novel was being published in Italian, French, English and German, and realizing that there was little chance of Soviet authorities publishing it in the Soviet Union, we felt that the book should be published in Russian for Soviet readers. A copy of the original Russian manuscript was obtained from [redacted] who agreed that it should be published but asked that it not be done in the U.S. Pasternak had himself requested that for his personal safety and other reasons the Russian edition of the book not be published in the U.S. Every effort was made to honor the author's petition.

2. In order to expedite the publication of the book, arrangements were made to have the manuscript typeset in New York. When this work was completed, negatives were made from the reproduction proofs

[redacted] had been in correspondence with FELTRINELLI, the Italian publisher who claimed to hold all foreign rights to the publication of the book, and it was mutually agreed that the Russian edition would be published jointly under both their names.

[redacted] will distribute and sell the book wherever he can in Europe, the U.S., the Far East, etc. through his normal publishing channels.

4. Approximately 800 of the first thousand books have been sent to Brussels, Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin and Paris. These books will be distributed to Soviet tourists at the Brussels Fair and in Western Europe by [redacted] assets. Arrangements are also being made to make the book available to [redacted] that have

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