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26 June 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: SR []

SUBJECT : Background Information and Outstanding Problems on the
Publication of Dr. Zhivago.

1. As you know, a contract has been signed between [] representing the Agency, and [] for the type setting and manufacture of photo offset plates for Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago.

2. The two outstanding problems are the following: providing [] with a publisher's note or preface for the book not later than 8 July, and making final arrangements with [] for the printing and binding of the book by a European publisher.

3. [] has stated that the type setting will be completed by 11 July and the photo offset plates by 18 July which, under the terms of the contract, will provide him with his [] bonus. It is imperative, therefore, that we contact [] on the above problems in the first week of July.

4. A sum of [] to partially cover type setting and photo offsetting expenses has been deposited to the special account of [] On 24 June [] informed [] Chief of the Commercial Division, that [] had submitted a bill of [] for the type setting. [] stated that he considered this to be a reasonable bill for the type setting involved and that he was proceeding to pay this bill. As soon as AEDINOSAUR obtains new funds for FY 1959, a check should be obtained for [] to be deposited to [] account to cover the additional expenses involved in phase one of the operation.

5. [] address is [] and his office telephone number is [] his home telephone number is [] He should be called person to person because quite often he is not in his office.

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6. [] knows the undersigned by his true name and is in constant touch with [] of the Research Staff, the Office of Security, who handles [] in a major project. [] can be contacted for any information regarding [] [] He is not, however, familiar with the details of our efforts in publishing Dr. Zhivago. [] extension is [] and he is located in []

7. [] the lawyer representing the Agency, is a senior partner of [] [] can be contacted through [] Chief of the CIA Commercial Division, who has been in touch with [] during the negotiations and is thoroughly familiar with the project. [] should be kept informed of all developments with [] so that he in turn can inform [] who is paying the bills submitted to him by [] and representing us in other legal matters concerning the publication. Any legal action should also be cleared through [] of the General Counsel's Office. [] extension is [] and he is located in []

8. In a telephone conversation with [] on 26 June, the undersigned told [] that we were presently attempting to get a prominent literary figure to write a preface for Dr. Zhivago and that this or a publisher's note would be forwarded to him not later than 8 July. [] [] was also told that a [] [] would contact him in this regard. [] [] is also very much concerned about our authorising him to make the final arrangements with a European publisher for the printing and binding of the book. He would like to have a paper signed by [] authorising him to do this before he actually takes steps to negotiate a contract. [] [] stated that he must have the above information by 8 July since he would be leaving New York for San Francisco on 12 July for two weeks. He also said he would not be able to use [] after 8 July.

9. Please find in the Dr. Zhivago file the contract written between [] [] a proposed publisher's note written by the undersigned, reviews of the book by Alberto Moravia, Max Hayward and other British authors. Some of the cable traffic is also included but for complete cable reference check with []

cc: []

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