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21 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Operational Funds for Purchase and Distribution  
of 640 Copies of the British Edition of  
Dr. Zhivago by Boris Pasternak

REFERENCES:

- (a) [REDACTED] FY 1959
- (b) Memo for GPP, 21 Nov 59, concerning 40  
copies of the British edition

1. This memorandum proposes approval of the recommendation contained in paragraph 4.

2. The [REDACTED] Division desires to acquire 640 copies of the British edition by the most expeditious means in order to distribute them to [REDACTED] which do not have [REDACTED]. It has been determined that the acquisition of 640 copies would place an undue burden on [REDACTED] and that the fastest means of getting these copies to Headquarters is with the aid of the Commercial Staff.

3. We propose therefore, to ask that Commercial Staff, through a secure channel, acquire these 640 copies at a cost of approximately [REDACTED] a copy, or [REDACTED] accounting to be made in the customary manner.

4. It is recommended that out of the [REDACTED] the sum of [REDACTED] for FY 1959 be made available to cover the cost of procurement of 640 copies of Dr. Zhivago for Headquarters distribution to the area divisions. After distribution to the area divisions at Headquarters, [REDACTED] will determine the apportionment of costs and charge each division accordingly. Area divisions involved (NS, NSA, SA, SR and VII) have agreed to pay their proportionate shares of this shipment and [REDACTED] will be credited accordingly with no actual final cost to this project.

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HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS  
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**Approved:**

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**DATE**

25 NOV 1958

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[Redacted]

(21 Nov 58)

**Distribution:**

**Original and 1-Addressee**

1- [Redacted]

1- Chief Finance

1- Commercial Staff

1- Each Area Division

2- [Redacted]

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