

FY 1959 be made available to cover an advance for the cost of procurement of 515 copies of the Russian-language edition of Dr. Zhivago for Headquarters distribution to the area divisions. Accounting will be in accordance with Agency Regulation. At the time of distribution to the area divisions at Headquarters, [redacted] will apportion costs and charge each division for its share. Area divisions involved have agreed to pay their proportionate shares of this shipment and [redacted] accordingly will be credited with little (if any) final cost.

5. [redacted] Division requires 1,600 additional copies of this edition for its own purposes, but is using other means of financing the purchase.

6. The edition is not to be confused with a Russian-language edition published by [redacted] at an announced retail price of [redacted]

[redacted]

Approved:

(Signature)

[redacted]

Chief,

[redacted]

JAN 1959

Date

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HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS  
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5 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Operational Funds for Purchase and Distribution of  
515 copies of Russian-language Dutch-manufactured  
Edition of Dr. Zhivago

- REFERENCES:
- a. Project [redacted] FY 1959
  - b. Memorandum for [redacted] dated 21 November 1958, con-  
cerning 40 copies of the British Edition
  - c. Memorandum for [redacted] dated 21 November 1958, con-  
cerning 640 copies of the British Edition.

This memorandum proposes approval of the recommendation con-  
tained in paragraph 4.

The [redacted] desires to acquire 515 copies of the  
Russian-language Dutch-manufactured edition of Dr. Zhivago by the most  
expeditious means in order to distribute them to [redacted]. It  
has been determined that attempting to acquire this number of books  
through [redacted] would impose an undue burden, apart from the  
security considerations involved. (The Italian publisher, Giangiacomo  
Fonzi, is believed to have told the Dutch printer and publisher  
that he will veto any large order that smacks of intelligence exploita-  
tion of this edition.)

3. Pantheon Books, Inc., of New York, publishers of the American  
edition, has recently advertised that it will accept orders for the  
Dutch-made edition. This Division has discussed the matter with IO  
Division [redacted]

[redacted] The stated retail price is [redacted] and  
some discount for an order of this size may bring the single-copy  
price down to [redacted]. We propose, therefore, to ask that IO Division  
acquire, through a secure channel, these 515 copies at an approximate  
cost of [redacted] per copy, as [redacted] will need an advance of  
funds to do this.

4. It is recommended that out of the [redacted]  
[redacted] the sum of [redacted] for