

26 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Mouton edition of Dr. Zhivago

1. In accordance with your request, I asked [redacted] to order, through Pantheon in New York, 515 copies of the forthcoming Mouton local edition of Dr. Zhivago.

2. I am informed by [redacted] that Pantheon knows nothing whatever about any such edition. [redacted] has also heard through some other channel that the Mouton edition will not be available until late Spring.

3. Assuming the edition does come out as expected, we may anticipate a certain amount of trouble in bringing to the United States such a large number of copies in view of a conflict with rights apparently granted to the University of Michigan for sale in this country. The fact is, of course, that the 515 copies in question would be obtained for us [redacted] as a logistical service, and that they would not be resold. However, [redacted] might have a certain amount of difficulty in explaining to the U.S. customs authorities what they were going to do with them.

4. Under the circumstances, I have asked [redacted] to do nothing further about ordering from Mouton until further word from us. If we consider it advisable, [redacted] will proceed and will take their chances with the U.S. customs.

5. Please let me know what the next move is.

[redacted]

[redacted] (26 Jan. 1959)

Distribution:

2 - Addressee

1 - RI

3 - [redacted]

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