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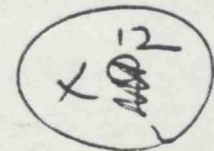
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MIPT (NOT TO ALL): SAKHAROV

1. AT THE MEETING ON 13 JULY REFERRED TO IN MIPT, MY US COLLEAGUE REPORTED THAT MRS BONNER HAD RECENTLY BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT MOSCOW AND HAD SPOKEN TO THE US EMBASSY. SHE HAD SAID THAT CONDITIONS FOR SAKHAROV AND HERSELF IN GORKY HAD IMPROVED.

THERE HAD BEEN LESS DELIBERATE HARASSMENT ALTHOUGH, FOLLOWING THE DENUNCIATION OF SAKHAROV IN IZVESTIYA BY FOUR ACADEMICIANS (MY TELNO 733), HE HAD RECEIVED A LARGE VOLUME OF 'HATE MAIL'.

MRS BONNER HAD DRAWN SOME CONSOLATION FROM THE FACT THAT ONLY FOUR ACADEMICIANS HAD SIGNED THE ARTICLE AND CONCLUDED THAT OTHERS HAD BEEN ASKED AND HAD REFUSED. HARTMAN THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE WISHFUL THINKING ON HER PART SEMICOLON IT WAS NOT

SURPRISING THAT MANY RUSSIANS SHOULD HAVE REGARDED THE OPEN LETTER FROM SAKHAROV PUBLISHED IN 'FOREIGN AFFAIRS' AS PROVOCATIVE.

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