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EASTERN EXILES, A DANISH ORGANIZATION OF MANY YEARS
STANDING WHICH REPRESENTS EMIGRANTS FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN AND BALTIC COUNTRIES RESIDENT IN DENMARK.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THE JOINT COUNCIL OF EASTERN EXILES HAS CALLED UPON SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLAF PALME TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR SAKHAROV TO ATTEND THE HEARING IN COPENHAGEN AND A GUARANTEE FOR HIS RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION. IN ADDITION, INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING HAVE BEEN SENT TO PAVEL LITVINOV AND BORIS SHAGRIN, CO-SIGNERS OF SAKHAROV'S "MOSCOW APPEAL"; THE AUTHORS ANDREW SINYAWSKI AND MAXIMOV, EDITORS OF THE EMIGRANT PAPER CONTINENT; THE POET ALEXANDER GATLICH, NOW A RESIDENT OF NORWAY; AND TO ALEKSANDER SOLZHENITSYN. IT IS FURTHERMORE EXPECTED THAT A NUMBER OF SOVIET EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL WILL WANT TO TESTIFY.


4. COMMENT: DESPITE THESE INDICATIONS THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE SAKHAROV HEARING ARE PROGRESSING, THE SLIPPAGE IN TIMING IS EVIDENCE THAT THE JOINT COUNCIL OF EASTERN EXILES HAS RUN INTO SOME DIFFICULTIES. A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE PARLIAMENT'S PRESIDIUM TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE POSTPONEMENT WAS DUE TO THE PASSIVE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY EASTERN EMIGRE GROUPS. SOLZHENITSYN HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN NEGATIVE TO THE HEARING AND MANY OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN EAGER TO TESTIFY. THE PARLIAMENTARY SOURCE IMPLIED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE HEARING WOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED OFF ENTIRELY.

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