

Bibliography

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RCL lists all religious *samizdat* from the beginning of 1972 as well as important documents of an earlier date which have only recently reached the West. Where no published source is given, a Russian (or other original language) text is available from CSRC unless otherwise stated. Researchers who wish to order copies of these documents are invited to do so, but are asked to observe the following conditions. Where a published source is given, texts should be ordered directly. Texts ordered from CSRC cost 7p per page; postage and 40p conversion charge on foreign cheques will be added to the bill.

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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37. *Appeal* from nine people – incl. V. Maximov and Fr. O. S. Zheludkov. March. Appeal for Solzhenitsyn and a call for the exposure of KGB activity. Requests that all cultural, social and religious organizations form national committees to collect signatures for this appeal. English in *Religion in Communist Dominated Areas* May-June, 1974, p. 73.
38. *Father Dimitry Dudko* by A. Levitin-Krasnov. May. Biographical sketch of Fr. Dudko, with a detailed account of his talks at his Moscow church and subsequent dismissal. Russian: 27 pp. Photocopy.
39. *Open Letter* to the editors of *Russkaya Mysl'* and *Novoe Russkoe Slovo* from V. Osipov. 7 August. Tells of *Veche* and the government's attempts to threaten him. Also about the new *samizdat* journal *Zemlya*. Appeals to all Russians abroad, all Christians and all sympathising with the movement to support them against the illegality of the government. Russian in *Possev* 12 December, 1974, p. 2.
40. *Letter* to the editors of *Russkaya Mysl'* and *Vestnik RSKhD* from M. Agursky. 8 October. Asks for forgiveness from Fr. V. Shpiller for the sharp remarks made about him in the joint letter of 6 May. (See also DS/1974/0/25.) Russian in *Russkaya Mysl'* 12 December, 1974, p. 5.
41. *Open Letter* to Archbishop Pitirim from Fr. G. Yakunin. 26 November. Metropolitan Nikolai elevated non-believers to positions of authority in the Church and Archbishop Pitirim has acted like an arm of anti-religious

- propaganda. Patriarch Pimen's support for non-Church causes is criticised, as is the lavish entertainment of foreign guests. It seems that the new basis of the Church's teaching is not religion, but Soviet law. Russian: 2 pp. Typed (partly illegible photocopy).
42. *Declaration* by I. Shafarevich on the appearance in Moscow of the new *samizdat* collection *Iz-pod glyb*. Undated. Spiritual questions lie at the root of Russia's present-day problems. Gives a brief summary of 60 years of religious persecution in the Soviet Union. Russian in *Russkaya Myst'* 9 January, 1975, p. 4.

GEORGIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

- DS/1974/GO/
1. *Anonymous report* on the hooliganism of Fr. R. Bibilashvili. Undated. In May Fr. R. Bibilashvili of the Trinity church in Tbilisi got drunk and assaulted two women. As a result the Trinity church was closed on 4 June. Russian: 1 p. Re-typed in the West.
 2. *Six Documents on the Georgian Orthodox Church* by a number of authors. Contains allegations of corruption and immorality among Georgian Church hierarchy. Russian: 68 pp. Photocopy.
 3. *Anonymous Report* using material taken from an article printed by the Georgian newspaper *Tbilisi* concerning raids on the Kashvet and Sion churches in Tbilisi. Undated. Russian: 3 pp. Photocopy.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS AND BAPTISTS

- DS/1972/B/
80. *Work Testimonial* on behalf of E. N. Mashnitsky. Conscientious worker - overfulfils work schedule. Member of a Baptist sect. (See also DS/1973/B/66 and DS/1974/B/57, 81) Russian: 1 p. Typed.

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 66. *Work Testimonial* on behalf of A. N. Mashnitsky. Conscientious worker - overfulfils work schedule. Weakly educated in ideological-political attitudes, inclined to religious prejudices. (See also DS/1972/B/80 and DS/1974/B/51, 81) Russian: 1 p. Typed.

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 33. *Bulletin* of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives No. 13, 15 Jan. Russian extracts re-typed in the West. 7 pp.
 34. *Declaration* to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 29 Jan. Request to go to any country where their religious convictions do not contradict the law. (See also DS/1974/B/35-38 and DS/1974/B/54-61) Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten.
 35. *Declaration No. 1* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 19 Feb. Their daughter E. V. Sklyarenko is threatened with a trial. They ask to be deprived of their Soviet citizenship and be allowed to worship in another country. (See also DS/1974/B/34, 36-38 and DS/1974/B/54-61) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 36. *Declaration* to the American Embassy in the USSR from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 19 Feb. Request for help in emigrating. They have been told that they need exit visas and an invitation from relatives abroad. They

- have neither. (See also DS/1974/B/34-35, 37-38, 54-61). Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
37. *Letter* to Earl Poysti from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 9 March. Appeal to find some "brother in Christ" who would send an invitation. (See also DS/1974/B/34-36, 38-39, 54-61) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 38. *Declaration No. 2* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 11 April. Request to be allowed to emigrate. (See also DS/1974/B/34-37, 54-61) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 39. *Open Letter* to K. Waldheim (with request to forward to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny and A. N. Kosygin) from believers in the village of Kievka, Kazakhstan. 22 April. Description of various types of persecution, particularly against children. Their future is bound up with the subsequent treatment of G. Vins. Request that the whole group be allowed to go to Germany. 50 signatures. (See also DS/1974/B/40) Russian: 6 pp. Handwritten.
 40. *Photographs* to K. Waldheim (with request to forward to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny and A. N. Kosygin) from believers in the village of Kievka, Kazakhstan. Pictures of telegrams sent to Brezhnev and others. Replies received incl. refusal to register a house for prayer meetings. Russian: 7 pp. (Cannot be photocopied.)
 41. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim from believers in Slavgorod. 24 April. Mentions oppression of believers in many towns, including specific cases of fines and arrests. Appeal to help G. Vins addressed via UN to all Christians. 101 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 42. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim from believers in Lesnoye, Khabareky region. 25 April. Despite repeated protests to the government, fresh arrests, fines and searches continue to infringe their rights. They appeal for the release of G. Vins and other Baptist prisoners. Russian: 4 pp. Handwritten.
 43. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim from believers in Orlovo. 25 April. Appeal for the release of G. Vins and all Baptist prisoners. Details given of arrests, searches and fines. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 44. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev from believers in Anzhero-Sudzhensk. They draw attention to the exceptionally difficult situation of families of believers in Omsk. They also appeal for N. G. Sofran of the Moscow registered congregation and for G. Vins. 40 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. in *CPR Bulletin* 17 pp. 6-7.
 45. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim (with request to forward to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny and A. N. Kosygin) from believers in Barnaul. 1 May. They have written numerous complaints in the last 30 years but have received no replies. They are still without passports. Request that the International Commission on Human Rights be allowed to come to the USSR. 100 signatures. Russian: 4 pp. Typed.
 46. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev and A. N. Kosygin from believers in Magnitogorsk. 10 May. Request for the release of G. Vins. 4 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 47. *Telegram* to A. N. Kosygin, V. V. Rudenko and V. A. Kuroedov from believers in Kiev. 14 May. The arrest of G. Vins makes mockery of their right of religious freedom and further aggravates the conflict between church and state. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.
 48. *Declaration* to N. V. Podgorny from believers in Chelyabinsk. 14 May. Request

- for the release of G. Vins and all other imprisoned believers. There is nothing illegal in the activity of the CCECB. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.
49. *Declaration* to N. V. Podgorny from believers in Leningrad. 19 May. They are disturbed by the persecution of ministers of the Church. G. Vins is in prison in Kiev. Members of their own church have been arrested and fined. 102 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. in *CPR Bulletin No. 17* pp. 5-6.
 50. *Open Letter - Complaint* to L. I. Brezhnev from believers in Perm. 20 May. In recent times they have been subjected to unbearably heavy fines. 14 signatures. Russian: 1 p. Handwritten.
 51. *Explanatory Note* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from the Mashnitsky family, Vinnitsa. 23 May. They have been searched and fined and N. A. Mashnitsky was imprisoned. Request to be deprived of citizenship - since this is already the case in practice. (See also DS/1972/B/80, DS/1973/B/66 and DS/1974/B/81.) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 52. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, A. N. Kosygin and N. V. Podgorny, the CCECB and the CPR from believers in Davlenko, Bashkir ASSR. 25 May. They have heard of the arrest of G. Vins and are indignant that there is such persecution in their country, the most democratic in the world. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 53. *Declaration* to A. N. Kosygin, L. I. Brezhnev and N. V. Podgorny from believers in the Perm region. 26 May. They appeal for the release of G. Vins and request that other members of the CCECB be allowed to carry out their duties freely. Russian: 1 p. Handwritten.
 54. *Declaration* to the American Embassy in the USSR from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 28 May. Request for the Embassy to petition the US government on their behalf. In order to emigrate they must have an invitation from relatives abroad - and they do not have any. (See also DS/1974/B/34-38 and DS/1974/B/55-61.) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 55. *Declaration No. 3* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 28 May. They want to emigrate to the USA, but would be willing to go to any other country. (See also DS/1974/B/34-38 and DS/1974/B/54, 56-61.) Russian. 2 pp. Handwritten.
 56. *Explanation of Declaration No. 3* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 28 May. They want to emigrate because Soviet legislation on religious cults contradicts the word of God. In order to break their loyalty to God, the authorities use administrative interference and brute force. (See also DS/1974/B/34-38 and DS/1974/B/54-55, 57-61.) Russian: 1 p. Handwritten.
 57. *Declaration No. 2* to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 29 May. Application to emigrate to any non-atheistic country. (See also DS/1974/B/34-38 and DS/1974/B/54-56, 58-61.) Russian: 1 p. Handwritten.
 58. *Explanation of Declaration No. 2* to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 29 May. They wish to emigrate because they cannot help but break Soviet legislation on religious cults - it contradicts the word of God. Since first applying to emigrate, they have met with endless red-tape and difficulties. (See also DS/1974/B/34-38 and DS/1974/B/54-57, 59-61.) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 59. *Declaration No. 4* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from V. M.

- Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 29 May. Request for permission to go abroad – with or without Soviet citizenship. (See also DS/1974/B/34–38 and DS/1974/B/54–58, 60–61.) Russian: 1 p. Handwritten.
60. *Explanation to Declaration No. 4* to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 29 May. (See also DS/1974/B/34–38 and DS/1974/B/54–59, 61.) Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten.
 61. *Letter* to E. Poysti and family from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 29 May. Request for help in emigrating, particularly in obtaining an invitation from abroad. (See also DS/1974/B/34–38 and DS/1974/B/54–60.) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 62. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, A. N. Kosygin and V. V. Rudenko from the family of V. F. Rizhuk. May. V. F. Rizhuk is in the Butirsky prison. When he was arrested he was in good health – but now he is ill and has been kept in a cell with lunatics. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.
 63. *Declaration* to N. V. Podgorny and the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from believers in Tashla. 2 June. Request for the release of G. Vins. 54 signatures. (See also DS/1974/B/64 – identical text.) Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten.
 64. *Declaration* to N. V. Podgorny and the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet from believers in Kirovgrad. 9 June. Request for the release of G. Vins. 10 signatures. (See also DS/1974/B/63 – identical text.) Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten.
 65. *Declaration* to A. N. Kosygin from Y. D. Prokopenko, presently serving a 5-year prison sentence. 12 June. Requests permission to have a Bible or New Testament, at least for the remainder of the prison term. Applications for this have been turned down. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 66. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim from S. Tkachenko and family. 15 June. Their son has been imprisoned and the whole family is under great pressure. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 67. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, A. N. Kosygin and V. V. Rudenko from believers in Kobrin, Brest district. 16 June. They are deeply troubled by the shooting of N. I. Loiko. Is the government really on the side of such lawlessness? 12 signatures. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.
 68. *Letter* to all Christians from N. I. Vins, wife of G. Vins. 16 June. Her husband is in the Kiev prison hospital – probably in a very poor state of health. They have been unable to arrange a meeting with him. Now the government is receiving appeals for his release from all over the country – from both unregistered and registered groups. Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy (with signature). English translation available.
 69. *Declaration* to the International Red Cross from the family of G. Vins. 16 June. The family went to the local procurator's office with a request to visit G. Vins – and were bodily removed. They ask for intervention. Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy (with signatures).
 70. *Open Letter* to all Christians from G. Yu. Ritikova, Krasnodon. 28 June. Her husband was released from camp but is still not free – he has been dismissed from his job. Appeal for prayer. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy. English translation available.
 71. *Letter* to all Christians from G. K. Kryuchkov, D. V. Miniakov, M. T. Shaptala and I. Y. Antonov. 7 July. They send greetings from the whole

- church in the Soviet Union and thank God that their sufferings are shared by Christians throughout the world. They also express gratitude to Bible societies, missionary organizations, radio stations and some individuals for all that they have done for them. Russian: 4 pp. Carbon copy. English translation available.
72. *Letter* to all Christians of the world from V. M. Sklyarenko and family, Maikop. 18 July. (See also DS/1974/B/34-38 and DS/1974/B/54-61.) Russian: 14 pp. Handwritten.
 73. *Letter* to K. Waldheim (with request to forward to L. I. Brezhnev) from believers in Kursk. 20 July. Their letters do not get to L. I. Brezhnev, so they are forced to write through the UN. They are subjected to persecution and have been refused registration. 20 signatures. (See also DS/1974/B/74.) Russian: 4 pp. Handwritten.
 74. *Letter* to K. Waldheim from believers in Kursk. 20 July. Request that enclosed letter (DS/1974/B/73) be handed personally to L. I. Brezhnev. They have been deprived of their rights both to live according to their Christian convictions and as ordinary citizens. The UN knows of their situation but keeps silent. 11 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 75. *Open Letter* to K. Waldheim (with request to forward to N. V. Podgorny and L. I. Brezhnev) from believers in the village of Mirolyubovka, Omsk district. 25 July. Description of persecution of particular individuals since 1970. 61 signatures. Russian: 7 pp. Handwritten. English translation available.
 76. *Complaint* to N. V. Podgorny and the CPR from believers in Taldy-Kurgan. 10 Aug. 5 believers were tried there in February. Of these, Elya Kasper was sentenced to 3 years' ordinary regime. In the camp she has been deprived of letters and a visit. 49 signatures. Russian: 1 p. in *CPR Bulletin No. 17* p. 15.
 77. *Two Letters* to I. I. Fedorchenko, at present serving a 5-year sentence, from his wife. 7 and 12 Aug. Both letters are heavily censored - the remaining passages indicating that the deleted texts are quotations from the New Testament. His wife asks him to follow her example and to trust God. The second letter concludes with brief personal messages from 3 of the 7 children. Russian: 7 pp. Handwritten.
 78. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim from believers in Magnitogorsk. 17 Aug. Since 1966 they have suffered various kinds of persecution. They have been accused of having espionage contacts with capitalist countries. They can never deviate from God's word, so they are bound to be persecuted. 78 signatures. Russian: 11 pp. Handwritten.
 79. *Declaration* to the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from S. G. Ogorodnik, A. T. Tsyachuk, I. A. Mashnitsky and A. N. Goncharov. 8 Sept. All are accused under article 138-11 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code. All charges have been fabricated with the aim of suppressing the witness of faith. They ask for intervention. Russian: 1 p. Handwritten.
 80. *Petition* to Amnesty International from L. M. Vins, mother of G. Vins. 14 Sept. The procurator's office told her that the case would come before the court in September. She requests that representatives be sent for talks with her son and with the government - also that representatives be present at the trial. (See also DS/1974/B/82.) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten. English translation available.

81. *Declaration* to the International Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from the Mashnitsky family, Vinnitsa. 15 Sept. They have received no reply from the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet and therefore repeat their request to be allowed to emigrate. (See also DS/1972/B/80, DS/1973/B/66 and DS/1974/B/51.) Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten. English translation available.
82. *Letter* to Amnesty International from L. M. Vins. 29 Sept. The investigation has now finished and the trial is imminent. She again requests a representative. (See also DS/1974/B/80.) Russian: 1 p. Photocopy. English translation available.
83. *Letter* to the International Committee on Human Rights from L. M. Vins. 29 Sept. She outlines her son's career and describes the articles under which he can be charged. She again appeals for immediate help. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy. English translation available.
84. *Appeal* to the World Council of Churches and Amnesty International from A. Sakharov, G. Podyapolsky, S. Kovalyov and T. Velikhanova. 22 Oct. G. Vins is to be tried under article 209-1 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code. Russian: 1 p. Typed. English translation available.
85. *Declaration* to A. A. Gromyko from the family of G. Vins. 24 Oct. They ask that a lawyer of their own faith be allowed to defend Vins. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy. English translation available.
86. *Declaration* to N. V. Podgorny from the family of G. Vins. 24 Oct. They ask that a lawyer of their own faith be allowed to defend Vins. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy. English translation available.
87. *Letter* to the President of the European Committee of the Baptist World Alliance from the family of G. Vins. 24 Oct. They request that a representative of the Commission of Jurists be placed at their disposal for his defence. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy. English translation available.
88. *Emergency Report* of the publishing agency "The Christian" to all Christians of the world and all who value the principles of liberty. 26 Oct. On 24 October in Ligulains, Latvia, 7 workers of "The Christian" publishing agency were arrested and a printing press and materials were seized. Russian: 2 pp. Printed.
89. *Letter* to the West from "Friends in Perm". 11 Nov. Request that literature be sent via friends. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.
90. *Open Letter* to all Christians of the world and people of good will from L. M. Vins. 1 Dec. Biographical details of her son - he is under great pressure. Russian: 5 pp. Photocopy.
91. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny, the West German Embassy in the USSR and K. Waldheim from I. A. Shults. 7 Dec. In 1970 officials took a film of a birthday party for his son - when they were in a religious frame of mind. Since that time they have been subjected to harassment. They ask for permission to emigrate to West Germany. Russian: 4 pp. Photocopy.
92. *Appeal* to delegates of the 41st congress of ECBs from a group of Christians within the official Baptist Church. 11 Dec. They appeal to the delegates to elect worthy candidates to leadership positions and to remove those who do not deserve such posts. Attached to the appeal is a list of those who were in fact elected to the AUCECB at the congress. Each man is then marked with an assessment by these Christians. Russian: 7 pp. Photocopy. English translation available.

93. *Appeal* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny from believers in Issyk, Alma-Ata district. 20 Dec. Appeal for all imprisoned Baptists. 156 signatures. Russian : 4 pp. Carbon copy.
94. *Letter* to E. Voss from N. I. Vins. 26 Dec. Asks about the conclusion of the investigation on her husband. Russian : 3 pp. Photocopy.
95. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny from believers in Cherkassy. Dec. Tell of trials, fires, confiscation of literature etc. 27 signatures. (See also ds/1974/B/96) Russian : 3 pp. Photocopy.
96. *Request* to K. Waldheim from believers in Cherkassy. Dec. Appeals to their government have been in vain, therefore they are forced to ask for his intervention. 27 signatures. (See also ds/1974/B/95) Russian : 3 pp. Photocopy.
97. *Declaration* to N. V. Podgorny from believers in Kirgiz SSR. 8 copies, dated 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27, 29 Dec. Appeal for Vins and those arrested during the printing press raid. They themselves have been subjected to raids and fines. Russian : 3 pp. Typed. Signed by members of various churches in the Kirgiz SSR. Total 332 signatures.
98. *Declaration* to the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from believers in the Dokshitsky region. Undated. On 2 May N. I. Loiko was shot. Such persecution is not new – over the past two years their church has been fined 300 roubles. Russian : 1 p. Carbon copy.
99. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, A. N. Kosygin, N. V. Podgorny, V. V. Rudenko, the Committee for the Defence of Children and Women and the CPR from believers in Rogozno. Undated. The shooting of N. I. Loiko is a violation of soviet and international legislation on human rights. They also do not understand the arrest of G. Vins, whose innocence is recognized by the CCECB and the AUCECB. 47 signatures. Russian : 2 pp. Carbon copy.
100. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, A. N. Kosygin, N. V. Podgorny, V. V. Rudenko and the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from believers in Minsk. Undated. They are shocked by the shooting of N. I. Loiko. This is just one link in a chain of repression. 47 signatures. Russian : 2 pp. Handwritten.
101. *Bulletin* of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives No. 14. Russian : 70 pp. Bound copy.
102. *Open Letter* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny, A. N. Kosygin, V. V. Rudenko and Yu. V. Andropov from believers in Mogilev. Undated. They are witnesses to the violence used against believers when N. I. Loiko was shot. The authorities are now trying to lay the blame on the believers. Russian : 2 pp. Carbon copy.
103. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny, A. N. Kosygin, V. V. Rudenko and the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from believers in Stolbtsy, Minsk district. Undated. They have heard of the shooting of N. I. Loiko – the persecution of believers is becoming worse. 7 signatures. Russian : 1 p. Handwritten.
104. *Anonymous Appeal* to all young Christians in the USSR. Undated. Atheist persecution should encourage them and give them unity. Russian : 1 p. Typed.
105. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny, A. N. Kosygin, V. V. Rudenko and the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from believers in Berezino, Minsk district. Undated. They wish to bring to notice the shooting

- of N. I. Loiko. This is only one link in a chain of persecution. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten. English translation available.
106. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny, A. N. Kosygin, V. V. Rudenko and the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from believers in Podaries, Starodozhsky region. Undated. They have heard of the shooting of N. I. Loiko – it is hard to imagine that this is happening in their country. 32 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. Handwritten.
 107. *Open Letter* to all registered churches of the AUCECB and all brothers and sisters who love the Lord from believers at Belgorod. Undated. Since 1969 they have had great difficulties in obtaining a faithful presbyter. 50 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy. English translation available.
 108. *Bulletin* of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives No. 17. Russian: 32 pp. Bound copy.
 109. *Message* of encouragement from "brothers and sisters of the persecuted church in Tashkent". Undated. Message of comfort to a church deprived or about to be deprived of its registration. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy.
 110. *Declaration* to L. I. Brezhnev from the prisoner P. Peters on behalf of G. Vins. Undated. Russian: 2 pp. in *CPR Bulletin No. 17* pp. 13–14.
 111. *Declaration* to K. Waldheim (with request to pass it on) from believers in Kaskelen. Undated. Tells of various cases of persecution. 81 signatures. (See also DS/1974/B/114) Russian: 5 pp. Photocopy.
 112. *Bratsky Listok* 5/74. Undated. On the arrest of the 7 workers of "The Christian" publishing agency. Russian: 2 pp. Printed.
 113. *Appeal* to K. Waldheim (with request to pass it on) from believers in Alma-Ata. Undated. Appeal for an end to persecution. 96 signatures. Russian: 5 pp. Typed.
 114. *Appeal* to the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights and others from German believers in Kaskelen. Undated. They are constantly persecuted by local authorities and ask to be allowed to emigrate to West Germany. 12 signatures. (See also DS/1974/B/111.) Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.
 115. *Bratsky Listok* 6/74. On the incarnation and then topics for meditation and prayer. Russian: 2 pp. Printed.

ROMAN CATHOLIC AND EASTERN-RITE CATHOLIC

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2. *Chronicle* of the Lithuanian Catholic Church No. 10. Lithuanian: 33 pp. Photocopy.
3. *Appeal* to the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from Catholic priests of Lithuania. 11 Oct. Appeal for those arrested – some in connection with the preparation of prayer-books and distribution of the *Chronicle*. 5 signatures. (Sent to the WCC and the Vatican by A. Sakharov.) Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.
4. *Chronicle* of the Lithuanian Catholic Church No. 11. Russian: 32 pp. Photocopy.

PENTECOSTALS

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9. *List* of 21 believers fined for Christian activity in Maloyaroslavets and Obninsk in the Kaluga district. Unsigned. Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten.

10. *Urgent communication* of the Information Service of the Pentecostal Movement in the USSR. Undated. Detailed account of harassment of believers at a wedding in August. Russian: 9 pp. Handwritten. See this issue of *RCL*, pp. 25-28.
11. *Urgent Communication* of the Information Service of the Pentecostal Movement in the USSR. Undated. On the arrest of I. P. Fedotov. Russian: 7 pp. Handwritten (in school notebook). English translation available. See this issue of *RCL*, pp. 28-30.
12. *Collection* of official notices of fines and summonses. Fines mostly for attending an "illegal" prayer meeting. Russian: 22 pp.

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