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4. *Memorandum of Lithuanian Catholics* to Mr. Brezhnev, Dec. 1971 with
special appendix on KGB interference in collection of signatures, Jan. 1972.
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