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Dear board member,

You'll notice that we have a record number of proposals to discuss at the meeting (49). Not to worry. I've talked this over with several board members and we've come up with a suggestion: that we'll select 10 to 15 of the not-so-immediate requests and set up an interim board meeting for those who can make it about two weeks after the August 28th meeting. Please think about this and consider such when going over the requests. We'll make a decision on this at the meeting.

I'm enclosing with this packet the Resist policy decisions made so far in 1988: please place them with your copy of policy decisions since 1982 for future reference. If you've misplaced your copy, just contact me and I'll send you a replacement. I'm also enclosing a new Resist board list as of July 1988.

AGENDA

GRANT REQUESTS

Middle East work

1) Seattle Center for Palestinian Information (WA) - They're asking for $600 for expenses of organizing a national network of groups working on the Palestinian issue

2) Friends of Yesh Gvul (Berkeley, CA) - $? request to start newsletter for supporters of Israeli soldiers resistance group

3) Middle East Research & Information Project (NY, NY) - Request of $600 for primer on Palestinian question

4) International Jewish Peace Union (NY, NY) - $600 requested to produce updated version of their brochure

5) Palestine Solidarity Committee (Pittsburgh, PA) - They're asking for $600 for brochures for a regional (NE Ohio & Western PA) conference on Palestine & Israeli occupation on Oct. 15

6) Richmond Peace Education Center (VA) - Request of $500 in order to expand their newsletter to add 2 pages on the Middle East
**AIDS Activist work**

7) ACT UP (NY, NY) - $600 requested to fund first issue of a new newsletter

8) ACT UPH (Houston, TX) - Request of $600 for expenses of an outreach, direct mail campaign for organizing purposes

9) "Testing the Limits" (NY, NY) - They're asking for $600 for production costs of brochure for distribution outreach on their videos on AIDS. Sample tape to be reviewed at board meeting

10) ACT NOW (Washington, DC) - $600 asked for publicity costs for "Act Now '88", a four day AIDS activist mobe in DC Oct 8-11

**Central & Latin America work**

11) Pledge of Resistance (Chicago, IL) - $600 asked for costs of conference, Nov. 19th, on "Exposing U.S. Global Strategy: Making Connections - Building Alliances"

12) Maestros por la Paz (San Francisco, CA) - Request of $600 for expenses of organizing a tour of Nicaraguan youth to Bay Area and northern California

13) Southern CA. Ecumenical Council (Los Angeles, CA) - They're asking to re-submit their request for $600 for expenses of their Sanctuary Outreach Program. Please see their letter of 5/18/88

14) Central America Refugee Center (Los Angeles, CA) - $1,000 request for expenses of "No Human Being is Illegal" campaign for civil & human rights of Salvadoran refugees

15) Puente de Paz (Fayetteville, ARK) - Request of $895 toward cost of producing their newspaper as part of ed program

16) Chile Action Collective (Cambridge, MA) - $600 asked for costs of various programs: NL presentations, mailings, literature

17) Central America Resource Center (St. Paul, MN) - $1,244 requested as matching grant for expenses of their C.A. library outreach project

18) El Salvador Peace and Justice Committee (Chicago, IL) - They're asking for $600 for costs of Mid-West tour in Spring 1989 for the Salvadoran Campaign of Accompaniment

19) Baltimore Clergy & Laity Concerned (MD) - $600 requested for expenses of C.A. Campaign newsletter

20) Chicago CISPES (IL) - Request of $600 to print their annual report to their membership
21) Network in Solidarity with People of Guatemala (Washington, DC) - $600 asked for production of a brochure and leaflet for "Oct. 20th Humanitarian Aid Campaign"

22) Delaware County Pledge of Resistance (Swarthmore, PA) - They're asking for $530 for expenses of rally and march on Sept. 17 in solidarity with Salvadoran people

23) Michigan Interfaith Committee on Central American Human Rights (Detroit) - Request of $600 for expenses of presenting production about Ben Linder in Fall of '88

24) Central America Working Group/MNS (Hadley, MA) - $600 requested for costs of updating, publishing and distributing a self-study program, "Digging Deeper, an Activist Guide to C.A."

25) Boston Committee for Puerto Rican Civil Rights (MA) - Requesting $600 for flyers and for bus subsidies for low-income people for rally in Hartford on Sept. 24th

Gay and Lesbian work

26) Richmond Pride (VA) - They're asking for year's rent of office for this newspaper

27) AMIGA (Houston, TX) - Request of $600 for expenses of their Hermana Leadership program. We did grant $150 for an emergency request in June


Peace/Anti-Militarism Groups

29) Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY) - They are asking for $1,000 ($1111) for general expenses

30) The Honeywell Project (Minneapolis, MN) - $600 requested for flyers/brochures for their 20th anniversary celebration in Oct.

31) AFSC/Peace & Justice Youth Outreach Project (Oakland, CA) - Request of $600 toward purchase of computer

32) World Peacemakers (Washington, DC) - Asking for $600 for purchase of a copying machine

Native American Issues

33) Ikwe Community Education Project (Osage, MN) - Request of $500 for expenses of staff training in marketing and planning skills. Postponed from last meeting to ask them more about their politics and about the training. Their answers in this packet.
34) Sacred Lands Project/Christie Institute (Washington, DC) - $600 request for promotion of book on Hopi & Navajo land struggle

Women's projects

35) Chico Feminist Women's Health Center (CA) - Request of $1,000 for mailing to groups nationwide on their legal action against anti-abortion state discrimination

36) Comite de Mujeres Puertorriquenas Miriam Lopez Perez (Jamaica Plain, MA) - They're asking for $600 for expenses of their multi-issues conference for Latina women

37) Womancenter at Plainville (MA) - $400 request for cost of mailing their 1988-89 program of events to their list of 5,000

38) Aid to Imprisoned Mothers - Request of $600 to produce a series of leaflets for women prisoners on AIDS

39) Women for Economic Justice (Boston, MA) - They're asking for $500 to produce a brochure on the organization

40) Coalition on Trafficking in Women (NY, NY) - $500 requested for flyers & posters for this conference Oct 21 to 23

Miscellaneous

41) Chittenden Community TV (Burlington, VT) - They're asking for $500 for expenses of distribution of video on the progressive movement in Vermont. They'll send sample for meeting

42) Ram's Horn Productions (Haledon, NJ) - Request of $1,000 toward production costs of 3 hr. radio program on CIA/Covert Action

43) United Cannery Workers Project (Woodland, CA) - They're asking for $600 for costs of membership drive: mailings, leaflets, etc.

44) Radical America (Somerville, MA) - $400 asked toward purchase of a printer for their computer

45) Survivors, Inc. (West Roxbury, MA) - Request of $600 toward costs of producing "Survival News", a newspaper for poor people and their advocates

46) New Haven Free South Africa Coalition (CT) - $2,000 - why don't people read our guidelines? requested for expenses of conference for strategies against apartheid on Sept. 23 to 25

47) NY Marxist School (NY) - They're asking $600 to help cover initial publicity of their year-long program on Women, Development and Social Change
48) Citizen Advocates for Justice (Brooklyn, NY) - $520 asked for partial cost of training volunteers to work with offenders and ex-offenders.

49) Third World Newsreel (NY, NY) - They're asking for $600 toward expenses of distribution of video "Homes Apart: the Two Koreas". Postponed from last meeting. The sample they sent was too short to make a decision. Paul L. will ask Norm Fructer to talk with them. Hopefully, we'll have Norm's opinion for the August meeting.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Board Outreach Committee Report

* Personnel Committee - we have to have volunteers for this

* October 2nd board meeting - Should this be in New York?

* Office - Finances and miscellaneous last minute items

OMIGOSH! I've never seen the likes of this in the more than three years I've been at Resist. Either more work is happening in the progressive movement or more people know about Resist. Oh well, just remember the suggestion at the beginning of this letter. One other thing - don't be surprised if your board packet comes in two packages. I might not have envelopes big enough to send the whole thing at once. If any problems occur, please call me. Hope to see many of you at the August and October meetings.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff
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Resist Policy Decisions - 1/88 through 6/88

1/8/88 - Decision to change policy on amount of emergency grants maximum from $100 to $150.
- Decision to change base amount per grant from $200 to $300.
- To clarify: Our general policy relating to projects proposed by sects has been to judge them case by case, judging whether the projects are useful for movements, rather than just recruiting for the sect. We decided to stick to this policy.
- We decided to add mention of priority status to our printed yearly guidelines but not to mention specific issues.
- Accessibility proposal: we approved the proposal as follows: 1) In order to push groups to make events accessible, and concretely support projects to do so, Resist will send out a note with the grant guidelines mentioning its commitment to accessibility and letting people know that if they have projects/events they want to make accessible they can apply to Resist for a grant for such project. These grants will be considered at regular board meetings along with all other grants and be judged in the same way as all other grants. (2) The limit of only receiving one grant per grant year would not apply. If a group applied to us once for making an event accessible they could also apply to us again for another project. (3) We would add a note to our 1988 grant guidelines including accessibility projects as one of the things we fund.

3/20/88 - Grants amount formula - We decided to change our decision of 1/31/88 from $300 to $250, feeling that sum was too high. We also decided to reconsider this whenever it seems possible, taking into consideration Resist's financial picture.
- Raising "token" amount for grants - we decided to keep this at $100 for now and to reconsider it when we can.

5/8/88 - Staff bonus for 1987 - Bonus of $250 agreed to. This is on a one time basis.
- Additional office space - Decision to rent office space when available. Cost would be another $50 per month if shared with Dollars & Sense. If this doesn't work out, staff will consult with board members.

6/2/88 - A new Resist Personnel Policy proposed by the staff was discussed, revised and approved at this special Policies Board Meeting. Also approved were the proposals for staff salary and health insurance. All board members were sent copies of the accepted Personnel Policy. Copies are available at the office.
- In addition to the above, the board decided to constitute a Personnel Committee consisting of board and staff members with the staff involved in all stages of PC Committee work except when staff is under discussion. The PCC beside responsibilities mentioned in Policy will come up with guidelines for staff self-evaluation process.

6/26/88 - The Resist Funding Priorities approved in September,
1987 were approved to continue with the following changes:

from "work around Honduras and Guatemala" to "Central America, specifically projects that take into account a regional perspective on the area, including Panama and Belize."

to add to our priorities, "local grassroots activist groups organizing a political response to the AIDS epidemic. That political response should take into account the homophobia and racism that has surrounded the response to the epidemic."

- A separate item, not a priority but rather a clarification: We agreed that we would fund groups of Central Americans working around issues of their own rights and to gain a better understanding of what is going on in C.A. so that they can articulate this to U.S. audiences. We will fund such groups as long as some of their work is organizing here in this country.

6/26/88 (cont'd) - It was decided that, because of the Community Building Corp., of which Resist has been a member, has for some time been going nowhere, Resist will withdraw as a member. Since we had pledged $10,000 from the Resist investment account as a downpayment on a collective building, we would withdraw that the commitment of that sum also and earmark that sum for general Resist use.

- Expectations of Resist Board members - we approved the following:

Active members: Active members participate in board meetings and committee work. If unable to attend a meeting, board member will send proxy sheet. Non-Boston people should try to attend both NY meetings plus two Boston meetings a year. Boston people should try to attend all meetings. Active members receive packets; attend board meetings or send in proxy sheets; participate in committee work.

Inactive members: Board members who know they will not be coming to meetings for a period of time and do not want to make a commitment to sending in proxies should notify staff. Staff will stop sending packets until member notifies them about returning to active status. Inactive members do not attend board meetings or attend infrequently; do not receive packet; are open to being contacted for consultation when appropriate.

Staff follow-up: Staff should call people who have missed two or three meetings in a row to inquire about status. Does board member want to remain active and keep on receiving packets. A "welcome back" packet should be prepared for board members coming back from inactive status. This could include policy decisions and other pertinent material to update member.

6/26/88 (cont'd) - We voted to withdraw from the Community Building Corp. and to withdraw promise of $10,000.
RESIST BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 1988


Office Report:
1) Proposals to be postponed and considered at supplementary meeting:
   #s 3, 4, 11, 14, 17, 18, 24, 28, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 44, 45, 47, 48. #23 withdrew.
   Supplementary meeting date is: Thursday, September 8, 7PM, Kate Cloud's, 42 Walnut St., Somerville. We have $4000 left to give out at this meeting.

2) Eastern European publishing group requested we serve as fiscal sponsor for a grant of $25,000. We said no, since so large an amount would make our books look funny. Also the money is for project that falls outside our guidelines.

GRANTS:

We gave out a total of $8000 to 18 groups, and one possible loan of up to $600 (see #2). The following 6 groups may receive more if we have money left over from the supplemental meeting: #7 (ACT UP/NY), #10 (ACT NOW, Wash., DC), #12 (Maestros por la Paz, SF, CA), #21 (Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala, Wash., DC), #30 (Honeywell Project, Minn., MN), and #33 (Ikwe Community Educ. Project, Osage, MN).

1. Seattle Center for Palestinian Information (WA) $450 for expenses of organizing a national network of groups working on Palestinian issues. Some people thought they might not be able to perform project. But it's worth trying. Good references.

2. Friends of Yesh Gvul (Berkeley, CA) LOAN of up to $600 if they want it. We agreed that it's good to have resisters touring. However, it was asked, does one need a separate organization for this? Also, isn't their focus too much on the organization in Israel, since they send most of their money to Israel? We'll ask them whether they'll take a loan to do fund-raising, and as seed money for tour. Reference was positive.

5. Palestine Solidarity Committee (Pittsburgh, PA) $450 for brochures for a regional conference on Palestine & Israeli occupation. Approved, though some reservations expressed about sectarianism of PSC.

6. Richmond Peace Education Center (VA) $450 to expand their newsletter to add 2 pages on the Middle East. Approved. But we would like them to relate to AIDS. We'll send them relevant RA/Resist issues. (Pam mentioned later that in fact their newsletter does have something about the Burroughs Wellcome boycott in it!)

7. ACT UP (NY) $450 to fund first issue of newsletter.

8. ACT UPH (Houston, TX) POSTPONED. Report is that they have not reached out to people of color. However, we think it's important for a group like this
to exist in Houston. Furthermore, many members of the group are people of color. Postponed pending further info: who will they reach out to? Did they take a position on the Bar/Montrose Voice controversy?

9. Testing the Limits (NY) $450 for production costs of brochure for distribution outreach on their videos on AIDS. Video has been shown in NYC mostly to gay/lesbian groups. Questions were raised about who the video is for and its length. Some thought it would be very useful for advancing gay/lesbians groups politically. approved.

10. ACT NOW (Washington, DC) $450 for publicity costs for ACT NOW 88, a four day AIDS activist mobilization in Washington DC Oct. 8-11. Positive reference from Wechsler. It was suggested that we might also want to give them loan, but we felt we probably wouldn't get it back so decided not to!

12. Maestros por la Paz (SF, CA) $450 for expenses of organizing a tour of Nicaraguan youth to Bay Area and Northern California.

13. Southern California Ecumenical Council (LA, CA) NO GRANT. They were previously rejected because of failure to relate to gay/lesbian issues. They don't meet this issue in their re-application. There are problems about leaflet "Coalition 88" especially stuff in box on second page. It looks like they all endorse all those wonderful things, but then if you read it carefully it is clear that they say specifically that not everyone does endorse all those issues.

15. Puente de Paz (Fayetteville, ARK) NO GRANT. Issue was raised as to the organization primarily working inside Nicaragua, rather than US project.

16. Chile Action Collective (Cambridge, MA) NO GRANT. Their primary purpose is to support a faction in Chile, rather than doing political work in US.

19. Baltimore Clergy & Laity Concerned (MD) $450 for expenses of CA Campaign newsletter. Letter saying we hope they will work on Middle East.

20. Chicago CISPES (IL) NO GRANT. Question raised as to whether annual report is useful for fund raising. They take no positions on no. 10 in application. The report is mainly personal report on staff of CISPES, rather than political report. (at least the 1977 we had). Rejected. In letter say we'd consider another project.


22. Delaware County Pledge of Resistance (Swarthmore, PA) $450 for expenses of rally and march on September 17 in solidarity with Salvadoran people and about the National Guard issue. Demonstration is in area not previously covered. They also plan outreach.


26. Richmond Pride (VA) NO GRANT. Report that they're disorganized. Few women involved & people of color. They are cliquish. Rejected: Letter:
putting out newspaper takes participation of larger community; we wonder whether you have any plans to expand participation; content of paper is not radical enough for Resist guidelines.

27. AMIGA (Houston, TX) $400 for Hermana Leadership Program. (We gave them $150 emergency grant in June.) Some people wondered what they do; their budget is not specific. Since we gave them emergency grant, would we be giving them mixed message by rejecting them?

29. Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY) NO GRANT. Reports are that they are good people, but have problems about following through on things; their work is scatter-shot. They don't ask for money for a specific project. The application was not filled out thoughtfully. Letter encouraging them to apply for grant for specific project, perhaps one relating to HS kids.

30. Honeywell Project (Minneapolis, MN) $450 for flyers/brochure for their 20th anniversary celebration in October.

33. IKWE Community Education Project (Osage, MN) $450 for expenses of staff training in marketing and planning skills. They were postponed last time because they had not answered some political questions about the project. Would we, it was asked, support a similar project in Somerville? The letter should tell them we ordinarily don't give money for development projects; so we'd be interested in other projects in the future.

35. Chico Feminist Women's Health Center (CA) $450 for mailing to groups nationwide on their legal action against state. There were worries about whether money would be used for legal defense.

37. Womancenter at Plainville (MA) $400 for cost of mailing their 1988-89 program of events to their list of 5,000.

39. Women for Economic Justice (Boston, MA) $450 to produce new brochure on organization. The organization seems to have exhausted its liberal funding, and is in the process of trying to shift its funding base. So it's uncertain what their future is. Their brochure does not look attractive.

40. Coalition on Trafficking in Women (NY, NY) NO GRANT. They have not responded to inquiries the office made. Many relevant people haven't heard about this coalition or the conference. WAP seems to be main mover on this. Most people on board are against WAP's politics. Rejected: We don't fund conferences.

42. Ram's Horn Productions (Haledon, NJ) NO GRANT. Roxanna listened to tape and wonders whether those not convinced would listen, since it will be on Pacifica. They are not priority with us, given the large number of applications.

43. United Cannery Workers Project (Woodland, CA) $450 for costs of membership drive, mailings, leaflets, etc.

46. New Haven Free South Africa Coalition (CT) NO GRANT. Some thought that conference would go on without our money. New Haven labor council supports
it. Letter: We can't support conferences.

49. Third World Newsreel (NY,NY) NO GRANT. Norm Fruchter thinks well of group but doesn't think our small amount of money is crucial to them. Rejected: We support them, but their budget is out of our reach.

Outreach Committee Report: Merble Reagan will be interviewed the weekend of our NYC board meeting. Fran White, Juan Vargas, Karin San Juan are interested in being on the board. Fran White will be in Boston this fall, then in Gambia, then back in Western Mass.

Personnel Committee: We need to set up a personnel committee. We volunteered Roxanna, and Connie said she could be a consultant. Board asked staff to refresh them as to duties of personnel committee. (See attached sheet). We will discuss this further at November meeting.

Board meetings: Interim meeting: September 8, 7pm, Kate Cloud's.

October 2nd meeting at George Vickers, NYC

November 6 meeting: Ken Hale's

Financial Report: We have approximately $51,000 in our working assets account, $3200 in our loan fund, and $13,000 in our Cambridge Trust Account.

Wechsler reminds us that $25,000 of the money in the Working assets account is set aside for large fund raising mailings. Much of that $25,000 will be going out over the next few months to pay for September mailings to 50,000 names and November mailings to 45,000 names. The June mailing to 20,000 names is doing well. Almost at the break even point. New brochure seems to be doing well and bringing in new people.

Other:

Please note that Pam Chamberlain's bio is enclosed.

Save your grant applications for the groups we postponed to the interim meeting. Nancy Moniz was not planning to xerox them again!!!

That's it. Nancy Wechsler
To: Resist Board  
From: Nancy Wechsler  
Re: Duties and Responsibilities of the Personnel Committee  
Date: August 30, 1988

Much of the personnel policy we adopted is contingent on having a Personnel Committee (PC). One of the first tasks of the PC will be to come up with guidelines for staff evaluations, which we agreed might begin with a self-evaluation. Staff evaluations are supposed to happen in April/May.

At our November board meeting we need to choose a PC. For a detailed account of the role of the PC, please see your Personnel Policy. A summary follows:

The PC is to be constituted by and represent the Board and staff in personnel matters. The PC consists of an equal number of board and staff members. The PC needs to pick a chair.

The PC is responsible for:
- staff evaluations, reviewing the personnel policies every two years, interpreting the personnel policy, handling grievances, overseeing significant changes in job descriptions, and making recommendations to the board on issues of dismissal, or extended health leaves or maternity/paternity/adoptive leaves.

One task of the new PC will be to go over the policy to see if there are any things that need clarification or were left out. For instance, we didn't put in the policy that employees get full health coverage—that was only mentioned in the separate sheets dealing with health insurance.
A call to RESIST illegitimate authority

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August 29, 1988

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Dear Igor,

At our August 28 Resist Board meeting we considered your request to act as your fiscal sponsor. We are sorry to inform you that we are unable to take on that role for you. The work of your group is outside the Resist guidelines. We only fund organizing projects here in the United States. We specifically do not fund projects whose work is primarily in other countries. We also feel that, given the small size of our own budget, it would not be possible for us to give you a donor directed grant of $25,000.

As I mentioned to Keitha on the phone, it is my belief that a group can receive a grant from a foundation if their tax exempt application is pending and they have reason to believe it will be granted. You might check this out with your lawyer or the IRS, and then discuss it with the MERC Foundation. The other suggestion I made to Keitha was to approach the Capp Street Foundation. Your project is much more in line with the work they fund.

Thank you for thinking of Resist, and we are sorry that we were unable to help you.

In solidarity,

Nancy Wechsler

Nancy Wechsler
Resist Staff

cc: Keitha Fine
August 15, 1988

Dear Louis,

After I spoke to you, Keitha Fine said she would transmit our materials to Nancy at RESIST, since she was going to Boston anyway. But in case she has not done so, I am attaching here a descriptive statement about the EECE.

As I said to you on the phone, for various reasons our filing for non-profit status has taken an inordinate amount of time (at least in part because we have used a Boston lawyer and most of us are in New York) and we have lost a lot of dough. In the meantime, the pressures on our London affiliate and on the people we support in Czechoslovakia and elsewhere in Central Europe have grown. Their situation has become more tenuous, financial pressures are crushing organizations, and right-wing funding is quickly filling the gap.

Our London affiliate is in dire need of money, and we have available $25,000 from the Merc Foundation--but they naturally wish to give it to an organization with a tax exempt number. We are seeking such an organization that will agree to accept the money from Merc in our name, and will then transfer the money to us, or to our London affiliate.

Should RESIST be able to help us, we would be deeply grateful. The cause is important.

Best,
The East European Cultural Endowment is a collaborative venture of individuals and organizations involved in the dissemination of information to and from Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. It is a sister organization of the London-based East European Cultural Foundation (a non-political charity, reg. no. 291065) and has been incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in New York State. The Endowment was created in response to requests from within Eastern Europe for dialogue with the West and for support for human rights activities designed to enlarge freedoms in Central and Eastern Europe.

To fulfil these goals the East European Cultural Endowment Ltd. will undertake a range of educational, cultural and humanitarian activities:

The EECF has launched a new journal, the East European Reporter, to cover human rights activities in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The East European Reporter, drawing on original sources from all these countries, provides detailed analyses of political, economic, social and cultural developments.

One of the ironies of the present situation is that people in Eastern Europe often know more of what is going on in the USA than in neighboring countries. To redress this problem the EECE plans a major publishing and translation project to make East European literature available in other East European languages as well as in English.

The EECE will sponsor special projects aimed at promoting world peace. Specifically, it will seek to sustain the unofficial dialog among peace activists within Eastern Europe and between them and their counterparts in the West.

In defense of the individual's right to worship, and in the interests of promoting religious freedom, the EECE will help Christians and Jews to pursue active worship in Eastern Europe.

The EECE will monitor the production and distribution of samizdat publications within the East European countries and will build an archive of samizdat materials in the West.

The EECE is committed to the maintenance of cultural and intellectual life in Central and Eastern Europe. To this end, it will provide financial support for subscriptions to specialist or scholarly journals to enable interested persons - many of whom are banned from their professions - to keep up-to-date about developments in their fields. The EECE will also make Western books, articles and other materials available to them.

The EECE will provide humanitarian support to alleviate the poverty of those imprisoned or rendered unemployable because of their human
rights activities. It will aid scholars, priests, artists, trade union activists and others whose livelihoods are threatened because of their cultural, educational or civil rights work.

The international support work described above is indispensable to help sustain those individuals within Eastern Europe who have dedicated their lives, sacrificed their careers and frequently gone to jail to help enlarge the scope of civil and human rights in their countries. Their daily efforts to expand the sphere of educational and cultural life, which should be available to free people everywhere, must rest on resources provided from the West.