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March 23, 1965

Mr. A. Brychkov
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Student Council of the USSR
Bogdan Khmel'nitsky, 7/8
Moscow, USSR

Dear Mr. Brychkov:

We are in receipt of your letter of 13 March 1965 pertaining to the publication of the correspondence between our two organizations in the Information Bulletin of the International Student Conference (November 1964).

We fully recognize the validity of your objections to the publication of your correspondence without receiving prior permission from your organization. We also recognize that any editing of such correspondence was completely unjustified. USNSA would like to express its sincere apologies in this matter and accepts full responsibility for the action.

We would, however, like to offer an explanation for what has occurred. Copies of the correspondence between our two organizations were sent to our representative in Paris and to the American members of the Secretariat of the ISC so that they might be fully apprized of the latest developments in the relations between our two organizations. Apparently, they assumed that they were authorized to publish the material. Since we sent them the copies we do, of course, accept the ultimate responsibility for such action. We are in the process of contacting them to clarify this matter.

As you requested, we are sending copies of letters received by USNSA dated August 24th and December 28th, as well as copies of our letters of September 24th, November 16, and March 2 to the ISC. We shall request the ISC to publish all of the letters in unedited form and draw attention to the fact that discrepancies existed in the material previously published.

We are concerned, however, about the last paragraph in your letter of 13 March. We do not believe that it is either courteous or fruitful to issue threats when actions have been taken which one of our organizations feels has been unfair. Clearly the first step is to

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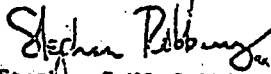
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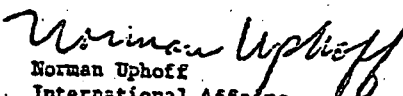
notify the organization involved and request clarification, stating the objection. Then if no action is taken, other measures would be in order. As you can see from our letter, we are very concerned about this matter and will take every step to see that it is not repeated and that proper actions are taken with respect to republication of all correspondence involved in its unedited form.

If you have any statement about the correspondence or the publication of the correspondence in an edited form in the November Bulletin which you think should be brought to the attention of the American student community, please feel free to send it to our office and we will publish it in the next issue of the Student Government Bulletin, the official publication for the member student governments of USNSA.

Once again, we would like to apologize for the events which have concerned you. We hope that it will not affect any potential cooperation in programs between our two organizations. We would again draw your attention to our letter of March 2nd, and will be looking forward to your comments on the proposals made in that communication.

With best wishes,


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