In A. Michaelis, Postdoctoral Fellow in the Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology.

Faculty aids Soviet scholars

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Stanley believes that if the committee is successful in helping the three scholars out of the Soviet Union, many more may be able to exit.

According to Michaelis, Soviet scientists who lose their jobs when they are refused exit visas have no way of keeping in touch with technological advances. In order to combat this, a number of such scientists have formed an informal seminar group which meets on Sunday afternoons in a Moscow apartment. They discuss journal articles which they receive by mail from colleagues and work on correspondence with scientists in the Western world.

Stanley originally became involved with the Soviet scientists in August, 1973, when a group he was with at an International Magnetism Conference in Moscow attended one of the seminars. Stanley said that although the meeting was held in the face of official harassment, the apartment was packed by more than 50 scientists from the Western world.

Through Professor of Electrical Engineering Louis B. Smolin and President Jerome B. Wiesner, MIT formally extended an invitation to Lerner to be a visiting professor of electrical engineering. Lerner responded in a taped message recorded in the middle of a "poor performance" of Tchaikovsky Symphony which was smuggled successfully out of the Soviet Union. In the message, Lerner thanked Wiesner for the invitation, but said that he could not accept because "Soviet authorities won't let me go there. I want to tell you that I was kept here not because of my connections with secret work. Practically, I have not done secret work... Work that was done secretly was published long ago. Every page of my works are published and I can prove to everybody that I have no secrets. So, I am kept here for three years only because of violation of human rights, violation of humanity, and violation of Soviet law. I am sure that if my colleagues will be active enough, I will be freed and my family will have the possibility to unite with my people in Israel, with my daughter and granddaughter who live in Israel, and with my friends and colleagues all over the world.

Thank you,

I am Alexander Voronov. Unfortunately, my English is very poor, but it is enough to say that I am very grateful to my colleagues, especially to Gene Stanley and Melville Green and many others for their great support and their remembrance about us and our troubles. I have no post and therefore hope that many colleagues that nobody I have offended have no reason to answer me.

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