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at the USSR Council of Ministers

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Bearing in mind that Solzhenitsyn's novel The First Circle is a politically harmful work, it would seem necessary if Yakir goes to Obninsk and obtains copies of the novel to arrest him and confiscate those manuscripts and, as concerns Zh. Medvedev, to instruct the Obninsk Party city committee to take measures to halt his anti-social activities.

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