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TO : Assistant Director/OCD

FROM : General Counsel

SUBJECT: Russian Emigré Politics

DATE: 11 July 1951

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 dtd 10 July 51 - Russian Emigre Politic

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 50 copies of the attached book. We are there-
 fore returning the copy forwarded to this office.

B. R. H.