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1. Within the Soviet Government there exists a "Council for the Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church", headed by G. G. Narpov. The Council is attached to the Council of Ministers of the USSR.
2. There is no information available which would lead to the belief that the Council has been transformed into a "Ministry of Cults", mentioned in previous reports, and recent issues of the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate give no reason to believe that any such measure is being considered.
3. All matters pertaining to the Russian Church are subordinated to the Council for the Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church.

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