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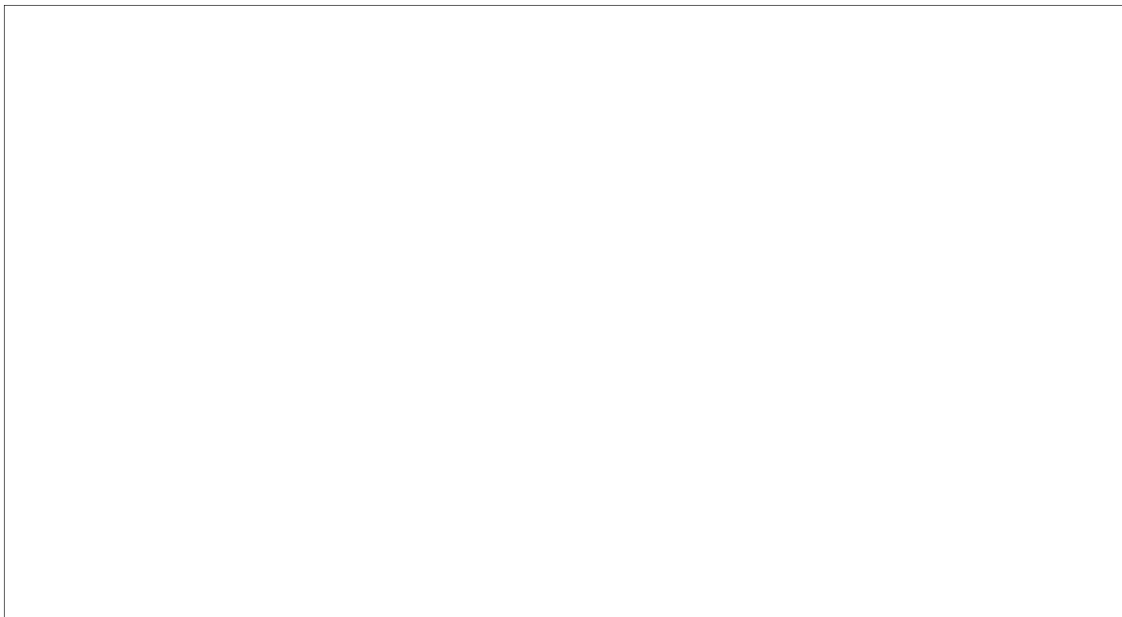
MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IO Division

SUBJECT: Russian Orthodox Church

1. The Russian Orthodox Church in North America is suing the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in an ejection for possession of Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York. This is the latest maneuver in a long dispute between the American Church and the appointee of the Russian Church in Moscow. Outside of some technical points as to the authority to appoint Archbishops and similar matters, the Plaintiff will attempt to demonstrate that the Russian Church is in effect controlled by the Soviet Government and is utilized by the Russian Intelligence Service and for that reason has no standing as a religious body in this country.



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