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To the CPSU Central Committee

The international Rostropovich competition for young cellists

According to information received, the Association of International Gatherings in Contemporary Art intends to hold a "Rostropovich Competition for Young Cellists" in Paris from 27 June to 3 July 1977 and has announced this as one of the events to mark his 50th anniversary. Preparations for the competition are being accompanied in the West by a noisy advertising campaign.

In the present situation it seems expedient to instruct the USSR Ministry of Culture to inform the cultural bodies of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the GDR, Cuba, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Polish People's Republic and the Czechoslovak SSR, that it would be undesirable for representatives of the socialist countries to take part in the above-mentioned competition. (A draft CPSU Central Committee decree is attached.)

We request authorisation

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR STATE SECURITY

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CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECREE

On measures concerning the international Rostropovich competition for young cellists (France, 1977)

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SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE