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Soviet Union, March 28-April 1
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PRIME MINISTER

JEWISH REFUSENIKS IN THE SOVIET UNION

You will wish to know that the Russians have today decided to allow Iosif Begun, the Jewish dissident whom you met in the Soviet Union, to leave the country. You may wish to send him a message once he is out. I will provide a draft.

CDP

(C. D. POWELL)

7 September 1987



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

11 May 1987

Thank you very much for sending the photographs of the Prime Minister's visit to the Crystallography Institute. She was delighted to receive these and to be reminded of her very successful and enjoyable visit.

(Charles Powell)

His Excellency Monsieur Leonid M. Zamyatin.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 April 1987

Dear Andy,
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I enclose a copy of a self-explanatory letter from the Head of Chancery in Moscow.

Yours sincerely,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

P A Bearpark Esq
PS/10 Downing Street



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cc Private file

BRITISH EMBASSY
MOSCOW

2 April 1987

A J Longrigg Esq
Soviet Department
FCO

Dear Tony,

PRAISE INDEED

1. You may like to pass to Charles Powell the text of a telegram we received from a Soviet citizen living in Tashkent addressed to the Prime Minister. It arrived after she had gone. The text reads: 'Somehow I felt that your arrival linked me to you. I have read your statement which was published in today's newspapers. It moved my whole being because of your noble work in the name of closer relations and links with Russia. I will hold you to be an icon in the name of happiness and of good. I bow before you as a Father.' Signed Konstantin Ivanovich Koshkarev.

2. I am sending an appropriate acknowledgement.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S N P Hemans'.

S N P Hemans

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
2 PALACE GREEN
LONDON W8 4QB
Telephone: 01-937 8050



שגרירות ישראל
לונדון

9th April 1987

עב 9/4.

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

I have been instructed to transmit to you the following message from Mr. Shimon Peres, Vice-Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, communicated from Madrid on April 7, 1987:-

"Dear Secretary of State,

I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and prompt review of the talks held in Moscow by Mrs. Thatcher and yourself. It was an important occasion for West-East and British-Soviet relations. It was a moving occasion for us. We shall always remember the unprecedented gesture and touching moments of the meetings with refuseniks and the significance of the outspoken and candid expressions of principle on questions of Soviet Jewry - both their right to emigrate and, while in the USSR, their right to pursue their Jewish tradition.

Although the signals from Moscow are hesitant and the future course yet uncertain, nevertheless we have welcomed the gradual progress and, hence, we wish to join you in encouraging the transformation of "Glasnost" into a real openness and an opening for our people as well.

Your fresh impressions of the Soviet position assume added significance as they come on the eve of the important meetings with King Hussein. They can add a new dimension to the on-going assessment of the desirability of adjusting regional hopes for rapid progress to the possible gradual pace of change in Soviet policy.

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As I believe that we are closer than ever before to bridging remaining gaps on the road to direct negotiations supported by an international conference, I look forward to continuing our direct exchanges.

Shimon Peres
Vice Premier and
Minister of Foreign Affairs"

Respectfully

Yehuda Avner
Ambassador of Israel

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP,
Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs,
Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
London, SW1



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

8 April 1987

I enclose a thank you letter from Mr. Thatcher to Mr. Gorbachev for some gifts which the latter sent him. I should be grateful if you could pass it to the Embassy in Moscow for delivery, asking them to enclose a translation and address the envelope correctly in cyrillic script.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

BM

YENIS THATCHER

10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

8 April

Dear Mr. Gorbachev,

It was a disappointment
that for we were not

to have been able to
accompany my wife

on her visit to you.

I welcome the success
you jointly achieved
through your discussions.

You were most kind
to send me so generous
a gift for which I
thank you most
warmly.

Yours sincerely

Benjamin



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

6 April 1987

I should be grateful if you could pass on the three letters enclosed which express the thanks of the Prime Minister's staff for the hospitality which we received in Moscow, Zagorsk and in Georgia. If you were able to provide an unofficial translation of the letters, that would, I think, be helpful. I have sent the letter of thanks for Georgia to Mr. Roukhadze, Head of Protocol, Georgian Council of Ministers. If he is the wrong chap, please let me know and I will pen another letter.

Many thanks too to you for all the help which you gave us.

N. L. WICKS

Simon Hemans, Esq., C.V.O.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

6 April 1987

Your Grace,

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Thatcher's staff to thank you for the hospitality which you gave us when we visited Zagorsk. You entertained us superbly and the gifts with which you presented us will help us to remember our time with you.

It was a great privilege to be able to visit such an historic site and I thank you for all your help in making our visit so enjoyable.

I am, Sir,
Your Grace's
obedient servant

N. L. Wicks

N. L. WICKS

His Beatitude, The Metropolitan of Krutits and Kolomna



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From the Principal Private Secretary

3 April 1987

Dear N. Roukhadze,

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Thatcher's staff to thank you for the splendid hospitality which you gave us all when we visited Tbilisi on Wednesday. We had a highly enjoyable time, made all the more enjoyable because of the great efforts which had been made to make us feel so welcome. Our only regret was that we could not stay longer in your fascinating city.

Thank you, too, for the generous gifts which you gave us. They provide a marvellous memory of our visit.

Yours sincerely

N. L. Wicks

(N. L. WICKS)

Mr. N. D. Roukhadze

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From the Principal Private Secretary

3 April 1987

Dear Ambassador,

Now that we have returned to London I am writing on behalf of all the Prime Minister's staff who accompanied her to the Soviet Union to thank you for the kind hospitality which the Soviet Government extended to us while we were in your country. We want also to thank you and your staff for the kind co-operation which you gave us in helping make the visit such a success.

We were all very grateful, too, for the splendid gifts that you presented to us. They will provide a happy memory of our time with you.

Yours sincerely

N. L. Wicks

(N. L. WICKS)

Ambassador V.I. Chernyshev



cc FCO

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Aristov,

I am most grateful to you for your courtesy in meeting me on my arrival in the Soviet Union and your kindness in accompanying me to the opening of the new offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce. The prospects for increased trade between our two countries are indeed encouraging and I hope that my visit will have given them a further impetus, as well as proving an important step forward in our wider relations.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Mr. B. I. Aristov.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Pitovranov,

Thank you very much for your help in establishing the new offices of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the International Trade Center and for accompanying me at the opening ceremony. I hope that this augurs well for the future trade relations between our countries, which it is my aim to see develop and expand.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Storer

Mr. E. P. Pitovranov.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Saikin,

I should like to thank you most warmly for your kindness and consideration in arranging for me to see Krilatskoye, and for accompanying me during my visit. I was much impressed by what I saw and delighted by the warmth and spontaneity of the welcome which I received from the people. It was a memorable aspect of a fascinating and productive visit to the Soviet Union.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Mr. V. T. Saikin.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Cherkezia,

My visit to Georgia and your capital of Tbilisi was one of the highlights of my visit to the Soviet Union and I write to express my warmest thanks to you and your colleagues for having arranged such a full and interesting programme for me. I was most impressed by what I saw and by the friendly reception which I received from the people of your city. And I particularly enjoyed the chance to talk to you and hear both about the achievements and problems of your Republic.

I am sorry that we had to leave before the end of the dinner but we were there long enough for me to testify to the renowned excellence and warmth of Georgia's hospitality.

I hope that you will visit us in the United Kingdom and look forward to seeing you when you do. In the meantime, I should be most grateful if you would pass on my thanks to all those associated with my visit on what was a very happy day.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. O. E. Cherkezia

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Vainshtein,

I am most grateful to you for arranging for me to visit the Institute of Crystallography. I found it absolutely fascinating and was sad only that we did not have enough time to look properly at all the work which you are doing there. As you know, from the very first moment that we began to discuss my visit to the Soviet Union I asked if it would be possible to visit your Institute and it fully lived up to my high expectations. I should be grateful if you would pass on my warm thanks to your colleagues and members of staff of the Institute.

I send you my best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Academician B.K. Vainshtein

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mrs. Burton-Murrell

Thank you so much for presenting me with a copy of your book about Moscow's architecture. I have not yet had time to look at it properly but it will be a reminder of my visit. I am delighted to hear you are now working on a second volume.

Thank you again,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. Burton-Murrell.

8/4/87



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Ryzhkov,

I am writing to express my deep and sincere gratitude for the arrangements made for my visit to the Soviet Union, and for the outstanding hospitality accorded to me. I am particularly grateful to you personally for your great courtesy in devoting so much of your time to my visit. I found our talks, especially those dealing with bilateral problems and trade, of particular value. I shall ensure that the points for future co-operation which we identified are properly followed up.

More widely, I am glad to say that my Cabinet colleagues warmly welcomed the outcome of my visit when I reported to them, and expressed the wish to develop better co-operation with the Soviet Union in many fields. Our support for the policies of restructuring, greater open-ness and democratization were reaffirmed in my report to Parliament.

I should like to take this opportunity to repeat my invitation to you to visit the United Kingdom at a convenient time.

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Finally may I ask you to convey my warm appreciation to all those concerned in the organisation of my visit, for the excellent arrangements which they made.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Ryzhkov.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Nikolai Aleksandrovich Ryzhkov



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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher



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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Marchuk.

I was most grateful to you for giving me such a lucid account of the activities of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR during my all too brief visit to the Institute of Crystallography. I had heard a great deal about you from my colleague Peter Walker and was delighted that we had this brief opportunity to meet. I hope that you will let me know when you visit the United Kingdom so that we may continue our talk. In the meantime, I send you my best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Roger M. Hargrave

Academician G.I. Marchuk

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

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Tom Grace

I should like to thank you most warmly for your kind hospitality to me at Zagorsk. I found my visit an interesting and a moving experience and was glad to be able to demonstrate my feeling of fellowship with those who continue to maintain their tradition of Christian faith and worship in the Soviet Union. May I ask you also to thank on my behalf all those concerned with my visit, which I shall long remember.

I am, Sir,

Y
Tom Grace's obedient servant-

Rajeshwar

His Beatitude, The Metropolitan of Krutits and Kolomna

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Kamentsev,

I write to thank you most warmly for your kindness and courtesy in accompanying me on various engagements during my visit to the Soviet Union, and in particular to the opening of the British/Soviet Trade Centre and to Tbilisi. The latter was a particularly cheerful and friendly occasion which I enjoyed enormously. Altogether I found my visit a most exhilarating experience and believe it will mark a positive and constructive step forward in relations between Britain and the Soviet Union.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Mr. V. M. Kamentsev

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

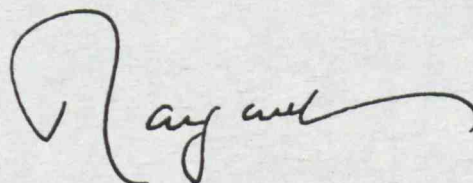
Dear Bryan,

I am immensely grateful to you and all your staff at the Embassy for all the hard work you put into making my visit to the Soviet Union such a significant and successful event. I am old hand enough to know that these visits cannot be really successful without careful preparation. You laid the groundwork very skilfully and effectively. The programme was very well judged and made it possible to fit in a very great deal. There are still some unanswered questions in my mind about why Mr. Gorbachev was so evidently determined to make the visit a success. And we shall need to think very carefully and thoroughly about the follow up to it. But success it was and for that I am sincerely grateful. I hope you will pass on my thanks also to all the members of your staff who helped make it so. I know what difficult conditions they work under.

Please also thank Ruth most warmly for her kind hospitality and for making me so comfortable. I very much enjoyed seeing you both again.

With warm regards,

Yours ever



Sir Bryan Cartledge, KCMG.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mrs. Gorbachev.

May I thank you most warmly for all your kindness and hospitality during my visit to the Soviet Union. I was delighted that we had so many opportunities to talk. I very much appreciated both the visit to the Bolshoi for Swan Lake and was very touched by your kind thought in arranging the informal supper party in such delightful surroundings. It was a very happy occasion. More widely, my visit was fascinating and has made a great impression; and I shall be looking for practical ways to follow up the discussions which I had with Mr. Gorbachev.

I should like to thank you in particular for the very generous gifts which you made me. They will be a treasured reminder of my time in your great country.

I hope that we shall be able to persuade you to visit Britain again.

My husband joins me in sending warm regards to you both.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. Raisa Gorbachev

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Chernyshev.

I write to say how very grateful I am to you and all your staff for making such excellent arrangements for my visit to the Soviet Union. They made it possible for me to see a great deal in a relatively short time and my programme was most interesting and rewarding.

I should be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to all those concerned with the arrangements.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Ambassador V.I. Chernyshev

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Secretary-General.

Thank you so much for writing about my visit to the Soviet Union. It was a most kind thought. I hope that I have contributed to the process which will lead to both greater personal liberties in the Soviet Union and to a better understanding between East and West.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Shridath S. Ramphal, AC, Kt, CMG, GC.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Pollock.

I should like to thank you very warmly indeed for your quite outstanding work as interpreter during my visit to the Soviet Union. It was a tremendous help to have someone who was able to convey not only the sense of what I was saying but also the feeling and the tone. It was very important that the visit should be a success and I believe that it was so, thanks in good part to your skill and energy. I am most grateful for all your help and support.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Richard Pollock, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 April 1987

I am writing to say how grateful the Prime Minister and her party were to you and all the members of your crew for taking us safely to the Soviet Union - and bringing us back! I hope you found it as interesting as we did and were able to see something of the country. As always, the flight was as comfortable, and we were as well looked after, as anyone could possibly expect. Thank you all very much.

(C.D. Powell)

Squadron Leader J.D. Knapp

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From the Private Secretary

3 April 1987

I should be grateful if you could
have the attached telegram sent to the
Embassy in Moscow.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Lyn Parker Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. Parker'.

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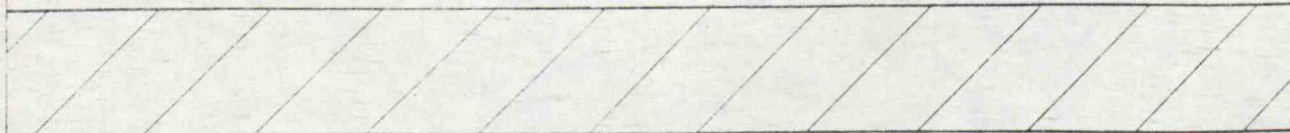
Following from Charles Powell, 10 Downing Street.
1. On the Aeroflot plane from Moscow to Tbilisi, the crew presented the Prime Minister with a number of presents from the airline. We seem to have left these behind somewhere. The Prime Minister is not pressing to have them but nonetheless we would not want to offend the airline by seeming to have ignored them. To the best of our recollection they were never taken off the aircraft. It would be kind if you would establish what the position is. No doubt Aeroflot could put them on a London flight at some stage.

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From the Private Secretary

3 April 1987

I enclose a further number of thank-you letters from the Prime Minister for her recent visit to the Soviet Union. I should be grateful if the texts of the main ones at least (and possibly all) could be telegraphed to Moscow today, for delivery before the weekend.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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LIST FOR LETTERS OF THANKS

PRIME MINISTER

M. S. Gorbachev - Gen. Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU

R. Gorbachev

N. Ryzhkov - Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR.

Metropolitan Yuvenaly

(Envelope Address): His Beatitude, The Metropolitan of Krutits and Kolomna

To write on letter: "Your Grace
I am, Sir, your Grace's obedient servant

Ambassador V I Chernyshev - Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Academician G I Marchuk - President, Academy of Sciences USSR

V M Kamentsev - Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR

Academician B K Vainshtein - Crystallography Institute

✓ V T Saikin - Mayor of Moscow

O E Cherkezia - Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Georgian SSR

✓ B I Aristov - Minister for Foreign Trade, USSR

✓ E P Pitovranov - Chairman, USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Secretary of State

Shevardnadze - Foreign Minister

Javakhishvili - Foreign Minister of Georgian SSR.

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R Gorbacheva

N Ryzhkov - Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR

ENVELOPE ADDRESS → His Beatitude, The Metropolitan of Krutits + Kolomna TO WRITE ON LETTER.
NAME → Metropolitan Yuvensaly (Check title with Robin) Your Grace
I am Sir your grace's obedient servant.

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Ambassador Chernyshev - Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(MARCHUK) President, Academy of Sciences USSR

Academician GI

VM Kamentsev - Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers
of the USSR

Academician (Initials?) ^{BK Vainshtein} Weinstein - Crystallography Institute

VT Saikin - Mayor of Moscow

OE Cherkesia - Chairman of Council of Ministers of the
Georgian SSR

BI Aristov - Minister for Foreign Trade, USSR.

EP Pitovranov - ~~President~~ USSR Chamber of Commerce
Secretary of State Chairman and Industry.

Shevardnadze - Foreign Minister

Javakhishvili - Foreign Minister of Georgian SSR

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Secretary of State

Shevardnadze - Foreign Minister

Javakhishvili - Foreign Minister of Georgian SSR.

Soviet Ministers to meet the Prime Minister on arrival.

Mr Ryghkov, Mr Shewardnadze, Mr Zamiatin
at foot of stairs

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Deputy Prime Minister KAMENTSEV
(He will escort PM to Georgia and to the British /
Soviet Chamber of Commerce)

Mr SMIRTYUKHOV - Head of Admin, Council of Ministers.

Mr ARISTOV - Minister for Foreign Trade

Mr VOLMER - Minister for Merchant Marine (not involved
in programme)

Mr Shamshin Minister of Communications (not involved
in programme)

Mr Kovalov Deputy Foreign Minister (he will be around
and about during visit)

Mr Saikin Mayor of Moscow (present for walk about)

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. PM 2/87

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I know what a very great deal of effort went into the preparations for our visit to the Soviet Union. I should be grateful if you would, on my behalf, thank the members of the Soviet Department and everyone else who contributed very warmly indeed for their excellent work. The same goes for officials in the Department of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Defence, the Cabinet Office and ECGD. Our combined effort produced an important success for British interests and, I believe, made a real impact on the people and government of the Soviet Union. I am truly grateful.

I am sending copies of my minute to Paul Channon, George Younger and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Margaret Thatcher

3 April 1987

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From the Private Secretary

3 April 1987

I now enclose a final batch of thank-you letters for despatch to Moscow.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Copies of Ltrs to: Mr B.I. Aristov.
Mr E.P. Pitovranov
Mr V.T. Saikin.

(Originals to be forwarded later).

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3 April 1987

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of 2 April about the opening of the British Soviet Chamber of Commerce office in Moscow. She was delighted to undertake this and very grateful for the effective way in which you organised the occasion. The immediate results from her visit in the trade field appear encouraging.

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you her best wishes,

(CHARLES POWELL)

R. JJ French, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET
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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1987

Dear Ambassador,

I should like you to know how interesting and rewarding I found my visit to the Soviet Union, and how grateful I am to you for all you did to make a success of it. The programme fully met my hopes in every respect and I was very touched by the warmth of the reception which I received. I have of course written to General Secretary Gorbachev to express my thanks to him for his great courtesy in devoting so much time to my visit and for our very frank and useful exchanges. When I reported on my visit to Cabinet this morning, the conclusion was that it had been a positive and constructive step forward in our relations which we would follow up in future. I cannot think of a better outcome to a visit than that.

Please also convey my thanks to Mr. Kossov for all his help and assistance.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Leonid M. Zamyatin

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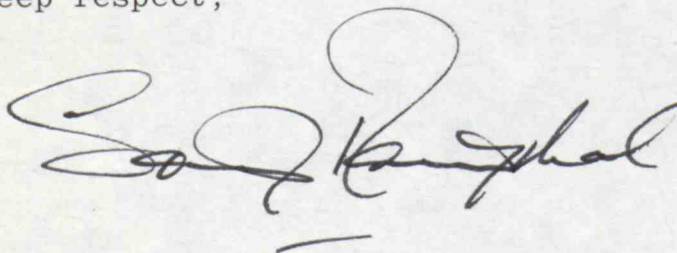
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MARLBOROUGH HOUSE · PALL MALL · LONDON SW1Y 5HX

2 April, 1987

Dear Prime Minister,

As you return to London from the Soviet Union, please allow me to extend sincere congratulations on a visit of historic proportions. I specially recall the Goa Declaration on International Security in which, along with other Commonwealth leaders, you called as far back as 1983 for "a concerted effort to restore constructive dialogue to the conduct of East-West relations". Your visit has made an immense contribution to that process of restoration and I know it has been widely admired and valued in the Commonwealth and beyond.

With deep respect,



Shridath S. Ramphal

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister of Great Britain &
Northern Ireland,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

DINNER, SATURDAY, 28 MARCH 1987, 2200 HOURS IN THE RESIDENCE

Host

Hostess

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP

Mr N L Wicks CBE

Mr C D Powell

Mr B Ingham

Mr A C Galsworthy CMG

Mr R W W Pollock

Supt M Waller

Mrs A Ponsonby

Dr M J Llewellyn Smith

Mr N H Marshall

Mr G D G Murrell

Mr R Chase

Mr I R Whitting

The MacLaren of MacLaren

Mr S N P Hemans

RECEPTION, SUNDAY 29 MARCH 1987, 2130 HOURS, IN THE RESIDENCE

IN HONOUR OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER FRS MP,
AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS
THE RT HON SIR GEOFFREY HOWE QC MP

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LUNCH, MONDAY, 30 MARCH 1987, 1330 HOURS IN THE RESIDENCE

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Hostess

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The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP

Academician O T Bogomolov

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Systems

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Mr A Bishop

Mr R W W Pollock

Mr C D Powell

Mr G D G Murrell

LUNCH, TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 1987, 1300 HOURS IN THE RESIDENCE

Host

Hostess

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP

Academician A Sakharov

Mrs E Bonner

Mr C D Powell

Miss K S J Horner

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1987

Dear Mr. Gorbachev.

I want to let you know straight away that I reported to Cabinet this morning on my visit to the Soviet Union. Cabinet warmly welcomed the visit as a positive and constructive step forward in our relations with the Soviet Union, which we would follow up in future.

As you will know from our discussions, this very closely reflects my own views and wishes, and I am delighted that my colleagues have so readily endorsed them. I shall be reporting to Parliament this afternoon and shall ensure that the Soviet Embassy receive a copy of my statement.

I found my visit an exhilarating experience and I am most grateful to you personally for your great kindness in devoting so much time to it. We both enjoy frank speaking, and I am sure that this is the best way to reach a better understanding. I was pleased to be able to confirm to you personally our welcome for your policies of open-ness, restructuring and democratisation. We do most sincerely wish you well in them. They point the way to the greater trust and confidence which we both want to see. Obviously there are many matters on which we think very differently and shall continue to do so. But if we can discuss them in the same frank spirit as during my visit, our relations will prosper and become more friendly.

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May I thank you particularly, among all the many aspects of my interesting and rewarding programme, for the delightful and informal supper party on 31 March; and for allowing me so many opportunities to meet and speak to the Soviet people. I was deeply touched by the spontaneous warmth of their welcome, both in Moscow and in Tbilisi.

I hope very much that you will pay us an official visit before long. Meanwhile, I shall be considering with my colleagues how we can best follow up in practical ways the commitment which we both made to further co-operation between our countries. I hope that we can continue to communicate directly with each other on matters of concern to us both.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. M. S. Gorbachev

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Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher FRS, MP
10 Downing Street
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2 April 1987

Dear Prime Minister,

It was not only a unique honour for us that you opened the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce office in Moscow, but also a most enjoyable occasion.

We are all delighted that during your historic visit to Moscow you could still find time for the inauguration which will be an unforgettable hour for all of us. It was vital that you were seen to put your full weight behind British-Soviet trade relationships. For too long have we been willing to make the occasional grand flourish in Moscow but not follow it up with all the spade work which is necessary to achieve continuing success. For example credits for capital projects which have been offered in the past have not been fully utilised. The reason has often been that although capital projects decorate the cake, the cake must first be carefully made to avoid the decoration collapsing. A BSCC office can make a strong contribution towards achieving a sound basis for the developing of our exports to the USSR over the years ahead.

We should like to take this opportunity also to thank Her Majesty's Government for making a most generous grant towards the start-up costs of the office and I shall be writing also to Sir Geoffrey Howe to express our gratitude for his presence at the inauguration, his support and for the magnificent work of Sir Bryan & Lady Cartledge and the embassy staff in Moscow.

*yours sincerely,
Ralph French*

R J French



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From the Private Secretary

2 April 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
LETTER TO MR. GORBACHEV**

The Prime Minister has signed the enclosed letter of thanks to Mr. Gorbachev which she would like telegraphed flash to Moscow for delivery today if at all possible. Subject to any views which the Foreign Secretary may have, if he is available to look at it immediately, I should be grateful if this could be done.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
MOSCOW

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2 April 1987

Ken Neill Esq
Soviet Department

Dear Ken

PRIME MINISTER'S BREAKFAST WITH REFUSENIKS: DOCUMENTS

1. The substance of the Prime Minister's meeting with refuseniks has been reported by telegram. At the end of the meeting, the Beguns and Mrs Ioffe took their opportunity to pass over to the Secretary of State a number of appeals and statements by various members of the refusenik community.
2. At the Secretary of State's request I enclose all the documents for further consideration, together with as many translations as time permitted me to prepare. I would be very grateful if you would, exceptionally, arrange for further copying of the documents as necessary, to copy addressees.
3. Attached are:
 - a) A statement by Iosif Begun
 - b) A letter to the Prime Minister from 10 refusenik women, headed by Marta Badashinskaya (and including Rosa Ioffe who attended the breakfast).
 - c) A copy of a statement to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet signed by 9 refusenik women, again including Rosa Ioffe. (The three did not make clear if this had actually been sent to the Presidium).
 - d) A copy of an open letter to Ryzhkov and Itchak Shamir (not translated) signed by a large group of refuseniks.
 - e) Letters in English to the Prime Minister from various refuseniks.

Yours ever,
Kate

Miss K S J Horner

cc C D Powell Esq, PS/10 Downing St
PS/Secretary of State
PS/Mr Renton
CSCE Unit
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