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ans *79**Dear Michael,*

CHARTER 77 IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

I enclose a further letter to the Prime Minister from Mrs Eva Kanturkova, a writer and one of the signatories of Charter 77, which has reached us via HM Embassy in Prague.

Mrs Kanturkova wrote to the Prime Minister on 28 June drawing attention to the arrest of 10 signatories of the Charter and asking for Mrs Thatcher's support. Bryan Cartledge replied on 23 July.

Mrs Kanturkova's latest letter is largely to thank the Prime Minister and does not appear to expect a reply. You may however wish to bring it to the Prime Minister's attention, both as an expression of the writer's thanks and because it makes the point about Czechoslovakia's European traditions which Mrs Thatcher included in her speech in Luxembourg last month in relation to Eastern Europe generally.

*Yours ascs**Paul*

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