



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 May 1980

Dear Mrs. Shcheransky,

Thank you so much for the letter you wrote to me on the third anniversary of your husband's arrest on 15 March 1977. Thank you also for the enclosed copy of your book 'Next Year in Jerusalem'.

I am deeply moved by your husband's plight and also by your struggle on his behalf during these long years of separation. Your predicament exemplifies the great suffering inflicted on those in the Soviet Union who dare to speak their minds.

I can assure you that I view your husband's situation with the deepest concern. I can also assure you, as I hope you learned during your recent visit to this country, that the British Government will continue to do everything in its power to help both you and him.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs Avital Shcheransky