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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Mr. Sandelson

Thank you for your letter of 26 January.

I fully share your concern about Anatoly Shcharansky. As you perhaps saw from press reports, Francis Pym raised the matter with the Soviet Ambassador on 7 February and asked him to convey to the Soviet Government an urgent appeal for Shcharansky's immediate release on humanitarian grounds. Our delegation at the CSCE Review meeting at Madrid have also been instructed to raise the case in the session which resumes this week. I believe that bilateral approaches of this kind, and raising the issue at the Madrid meeting, are the right way to bring home to the Russians the full extent of public concern about their treatment of this case.

Yours sincerely

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