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DELEGATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY WIVES GROUP FOR SOVIET

JEWRY ON 12 JUNE 1985

I AM VERY GLAD TO WELCOME YOU TO No. 10 AND TO HAVE
CHANCE OF CONGRATULATING SUE DYKES AND MANY
OTHERS ACTIVE ON BRITISH SIDE IN BRINGING
TOGETHER THIS INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF
WIVES.

YOUR CAUSE IS THAT OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR THE
INDIVIDUAL.
THAT IS ONE WHICH I HOLD VERY DEAR MYSELF.
PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND THE
RELEASE OF THE ENERGIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS
WHAT ~~PL~~ICIES OF HMG ARE ALL ABOUT.

There are many countries in which

~~I SHARE COMPLETELY YOUR CONCERN THAT THE LIBERTIES~~

WHICH WE CONSIDER FUNDAMENTAL IN THE WEST ARE
 NOT ENJOYED, ^{odd} ~~IN MANY COUNTRIES OUTSIDE,~~ ^{among them the} ~~LEAST~~
~~OF ALL IN SOVIET UNION,~~

~~AND IN THE SOVIET CASE, THERE IS NO DOUBT~~

~~THAT THE PART OF THE SOVIET POPULATION WHICH~~

~~HAS SUFFERED AS HEAVILY AS ANY IS THE JEWISH.~~

FROM WHICHEVER ANGLE WE LOOK AT THE LOT OF JEWS IN THE

SOVIET UNION; WHETHER AT FATE OF BRAVE

INDIVIDUALS LIKE IOSIF BEGUN, ANATOLY

SHCHARANSKY, IDA NUDEL OR THE MANY HUNDREDS

OF OTHERS; AT PROBLEMS CREATED BY SOVIET
AUTHORITIES OVER SPACE IN JEWISH CEMET~~E~~RIES
FOR BURIAL; AT OBSTRUCTION OF MAIL SENT FROM
THIS COUNTRY TO JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION; OR
AT EFFORTS TO SNUFF OUT "UNOFFICIAL" TEACHING
OF HEBREW; AT CREATION OF AN ANTI-ZIONIST
COMMITTEE; WE CANNOT FAIL TO RECOGNISE A
SYSTEMATIC AND OFFICIALLY INSPIRED EFFORT TO
UNDERMINE JEWISH CULTURE AND TRADITIONS IN
THE SOVIET UNION AND TO FORCE ITS PEOPLE INTO
A COMMUNIST MOULD.

WESTERN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT TURNING A BLIND EYE TO
THESE REALITIES.

THE LESSONS OF THE PAST HAVE BEEN LEARNT;

- WE RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES DIRECTLY WITH
THE RUSSIANS.

I DID IT MYSELF WITH ^{Mr.} GORBACHEV LAST
DECEMBER.

~~I CANNOT SAY THAT I GOT A SATISFACTORY~~
~~RESPONSE, BUT~~ HE CAN BE IN NO DOUBT AT ALL
ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF MY VIEWS ABOUT THE
SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS.

- WE ALSO RAISE INDIVIDUAL CASES BOTH
PUBLICLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY.

WE HAVE FOUND THAT IT DOES PAY TO KEEP
THESE MATTERS CONFIDENTIAL IF OUR
REPRESENTATIONS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

- WE DO USE THE CSCE FORUM TO THE FULL, TO
POINT OUT THE GAP BETWEEN SOVIET
COMMITMENTS AND PERFORMANCE.

AND WE HAVE BEEN AMONG THE MOST VIGOROUS
OF WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN EXPOSING SOVIET
PRACTICES AT THE OTTAWA HUMAN RIGHTS'
MEETING CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.

- WE ALSO RAISE THESE ISSUES IN OTHER
INTERNATIONAL BODIES, SUCH AS THE UN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE KEEP UP DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL
PRESSURE ON THE RUSSIANS ~~RIGHT ACROSS THE~~
~~BOARD AND~~ WE SHALL MAINTAIN THIS PRESSURE,
although IT WILL NOT PRODUCE THE RAPID RESULTS WE
WOULD LIKE.

AS WITH MOST EAST/WEST QUESTIONS, IT IS A
MATTER OF KEEPING THE DRIP OF WATER FALLING
STEADILY ON THE SAME SPOT ON THE STONE.

THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A TEMPTATION TO THINK THAT WE COULD
ACHIEVE MORE RAPID PROGRESS IF WE WERE TO
MAKE SECURITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

RELATIONS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS NO REASON TO EXPECT
THIS TO YIELD RESULTS.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE NOT SHOWN THEMSELVES
SUSCEPTIBLE TO WHAT THEY WOULD REGARD AS
BLACKMAIL.

INDEED, IF ANYTHING, THE LINKAGE WORKS THE
OTHER WAY.

IF WE CAN ACHIEVE REAL PROGRESS IN POLITICAL
RELATIONS AND MOVEMENT FORWARD IN ARMS
CONTROL, THIS COULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON
SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

~~THE FACT IS THAT~~ ^W WE DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO
AFFECT INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS DIRECTLY FROM

THE OUTSIDE, *but . —*

BUT IF WE CAN CREATE MORE EXTERNAL
 CONFIDENCE, BY TALKING, REASONING, ^{constantly} PUTTING
 OUR POINT OF VIEW, ^{and publishing it} ~~COMING BACK TO IT AGAIN~~
~~AND AGAIN, OVER YEARS NOT JUST MONTHS, THEN~~
~~WE CAN EVENTUALLY BEGIN TO CREATE THAT~~
~~CONFIDENCE.~~

~~AND IN DOING SO~~ ^{that way} WE MAY ALSO HELP THE VICTIMS
 OF SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

IN THE LONG-TERM, WE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP HOPE OF A
 GRADUAL EVOLUTION TO A MORE BROADLY BASED
 SOCIETY IN THE SOVIET UNION.
 ONE WHICH IS GENUINELY MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE

NEEDS AND WISHES OF ITS PEOPLES.

UNTIL THEN WE MUST SHOW THAT NEITHER THE INDIVIDUALS WE

CARE ABOUT, NOR THE IDEALS THEY STAND FOR,

NOR THE CULTURE THEY REPRESENT AND HAVE A

RIGHT TO, WILL BE FORGOTTEN IN THE WEST.

~~I SHALL PERSONALLY ENSURE THAT~~ THE BRITISH

GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THE FULLEST

POSSIBLE PART IN THIS.

I BELIEVE, TOO, THAT YOUR GATHERING WILL MAKE

ITS OWN VERY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS

GOAL.