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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARY WIVES
FOR THE RELEASE OF SOVIET JEWRY

The Prime Minister met a delegation of Parliamentary Wives for Soviet Jewry this morning. I enclose a copy of the text of her introductory remarks though she departed from it extensively. I do not think that anything of great moment emerged. A specific appeal on behalf of Ida Nudel was handed over to the Prime Minister who undertook to consider what more we could do to help in this case. I enclose a copy of the appeal. A letter from Jewish women refuseniks in the USSR was handed over by Yuli Vishnipolskaya. Again, I enclose a letter.

In dealing with questions, the Prime Minister suggested that confidential approaches by Governments were usually more likely to have some effect than highly publicised lobbying. Equally, it was useful for organisations such as the Parliamentary Wives for the Release of Soviet Jewry to use every possible means to hand to keep the general problem of Soviet Jewry before the public eye.

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