

Mr. Andrei SAKHAROV

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From the Private Secretary

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19 June 1989

I attach a copy of a teletmessage the Prime Minister has received from Mr Andrei Sakharov.

I should be grateful for a draft reply, to reach me by Monday 3 July.

Charles Powell

Bob Peirce Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Hercules Road
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Attention Mrs Susan Sasken
Date Time 18.06.89 1830

18 June 1989

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TELEMESSAGE
MRS THATCHER
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PLEASE DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO SAVE FROM DEATH
THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IN CHINA.
BY REFUSING TO TALK WITH THE DEMOCRATIC POWERS,
BY USING FORCE OF ARMS AND BY SENTENCING PEOPLE TO DEATH,
THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES MAKE A HISTORICAL MISTAKE
WHICH CAN HAVE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA
U.S.S.R AND THE WHOLE WORLD THIS IS THE VERY CASE WHERE A NORMAL,
CAREFUL AND PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE IS OUT OF PLACE.
THE RESPONSIBILITY IS WITH YOU, WITH EVERY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
THESE SENTENCES MUST BE STOPPED.
WITH RESPECT AND IN HOPE

ANDREI SAKHAROV

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22 June 1989

Jean Charles,

China: Message from Andrei Sakharov

Thank you for your letter of 19 June enclosing a teletmessage the Prime Minister has received from Mr Andrei Sakharov. I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister. This text could, if you wish, be released in connection with Mr Sakharov's call on the Prime Minister on 23 June.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Gozney'.

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO ANDREI SAKHAROV

Thank you for your message of 18 June. I fully share your feelings of horror at recent events in China and deeply deplore the death sentences already carried out as totally out of proportion to the crimes. We and our European Partners made our views on the sentences clear to the Chinese authorities, in a plea for clemency on 17 June. We deeply regret that this, and other representations, were ignored.



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From the Private Secretary

23 June 1989

CHINA: MESSAGE FROM ANDREI SAKHAROV

Thank you for your letter of 22 June enclosing a draft reply to Mr. Sakharov's message about China. The Prime Minister dealt with this orally during this meeting this afternoon.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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