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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 July 1980

*Dear Mrs. Rigal.*

You wrote to me on 13 June about the case of Ida Nudel.

You already know of the importance which the Government attach to Mrs. Nudel's case. I can assure you that our delegation to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women will be fully briefed about her case and I have asked the delegation to take any suitable occasion to publicise the case and to bring it to the attention of the Conference.

One means of drawing attention to this case would be to propose a draft Resolution, as you have suggested. The delegation know of my concern about the case, and I will leave it to them to decide how best to raise the matter.

*Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher*

Mrs. Margaret Rigal

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I believe that

someone will seek to put

Ans. N's case on the

agenda - and that it

would be very <sup>important</sup> for

us to do so - or to raise

it under any possible

procedural device.

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You have received a number of further letters about the case of Ida Nudel. The present campaign is to persuade the British delegation to the World Conference of the UN Decade for Women to raise the case as an emergency item.

Peter Blaker responded to the first of these approaches as attached.

Content that we should take this line in responding to other approaches from here?

*Does it tie in with the letter from Sophie [signature] in [signature]*

2 July 1980

*to the Times editor,*

*me*



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*From the Private Secretary*

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WOMENS  
*Campaign for*  
*Soviet Jewry*  
9 July 1980

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I enclose a letter received by the Prime Minister from the co-Chairmen of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry. I should be grateful if you could arrange for a reply to be sent on the Prime Minister's behalf and for a copy to be sent to us here at No. 10 for our records.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*From the Private Secretary*

9 July 1980

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you and Mrs. Rigal for your letter to her of 7 July about the Madrid Review Conference. Your letter is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Mrs. Rita Eker.

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# WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Co-Chairmen: RITA EKER, MARGARET RIGAL

148 Granville Road, London NW2  
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MR/DC

7th July, 1980.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

In an article by Lord Bethell in 'The Times' today there is a suggestion that the Madrid Review of the Helsinki Agreement may take place without discussing Basket III.

Earlier this year Mr. Peter Blaker assured us when he visited our International Conference that Basket III would be included at Madrid. We very much hope that you will prevent other European governments changing the agreement on this matter. We are aware that the avoidance of nuclear war must be of supreme importance for all mankind but we feel that we cannot buy our safety at the expense of the thousands of men and women whose safety depends on the protection that Basket III has given them since the Helsinki Agreement was signed in 1975.

We know how strong is your personal concern for the many victims of Soviet persecution and we beg you to stand firm at this time of insecurity. As always we rely on your integrity and judgement.

With many thanks and every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Rita Eker and Margaret Rigal.



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PRIME MINISTER

I have redrafted these  
two <sup>\*</sup> letters about the case  
of Ida Nudel. Are you  
content to write on the  
basis that you have instructed  
our delegation to raise the  
matter, but that you leave it  
to them to decide on what  
procedure will best publicise  
the matter?

Yes  
not

YAD

7 July 1980

\* Nat. Council for Soviet Jewry.  
Womens Campaign - - -

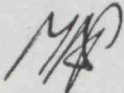


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The line which Mr. Blaker has been taking about Ida Nudel - in the context of the World Conference of the UN Decade for Women - is consistent with the letter Keith Joseph will be signing for the Times advertisement.

There are other letters to you on the same subject. I have drafted a reply for you to send to the National Council for Soviet Jewry - attached - and to the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry. <sup>(attached)</sup> We can adapt these if you would prefer a Private Secretary to write on your behalf.

2 signatures 

3 July 1980





Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

2 July 1980

Dear Mike,

With your letter of 17 June you enclosed a letter sent to the Prime Minister by Mrs Jane Moonman, Vice-Chairman of British Na'amat, in which she asked that the case of Ida Nudel should be raised at the forthcoming World Conference of the UN Decade for Women. I attach a copy of the reply which Mr Blaker has sent to Mrs Moonman on the Prime Minister's behalf. One of the considerations behind the third paragraph of the draft is that the World Conference is likely to coincide with a Special Session of the UN General Assembly devoted to Palestine: this is likely to mean that the rights of Palestinian women will be the prime concern of many delegations at the World Conference.

Mr Blaker has also replied in similar terms (copy enclosed) to the letter sent to the Prime Minister on 12 May by Mrs Margaret Rigal of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry.

Yours etc

Paul

(P Lever)  
Private Secretary

Mike Pattison Esq  
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P.O.  
Have you anything relevant?  
NO.

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13th June, 1980.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Ilana Freedman  
Pps  
v/T

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

The World Conference of the United Nations Decade For Women is to take place in Copenhagen next month and we have suggested to Lady Young that she might propose a draft resolution on the present situation of Ida Nudel.

I know that Ilana Freedman has been in touch with you and that you have a personal interest in Ida's welfare so I thought you might like to make sure that everything possible is being done to highlight her case.

With very many thanks to you for all your sympathy and help,

Yours sincerely,

*Margaret H. Rigal.*

Margaret Rigal,  
on behalf of  
Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry.