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29 May 1981

I enclose a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Dr. J. Eades of the Yuri Orlov Committee.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for a reply to be sent to Dr. Eades on the Prime Minister's behalf and for a copy to be sent to us for our records here.

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Francis Richards, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



29 May 1981

I am replying on the Prime Minister's behalf to your letter to her of 25 May about Yuri Orlov. Your letter is receiving attention and a reply will be sent as soon as possible.

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25th May 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

The publication recently of our Orlov dossier (Enclosure 1) by the CERN Staff Association (a body of unquestioned representativeness) furnishes further proof, if such be needed, of the depth of feeling in the high-energy physics community concerning the fate of Professor Yuri Orlov. On the occasion of the third anniversary of Orlov's trial on May 15th, our committee took the opportunity of distributing a summary of its efforts on Orlov's behalf (Enclosure 2). Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the very bad news concerning the health of the dissident mathematician Anatoly Shcharansky, which has done nothing to allay our fears for Professor Orlov's future.

We are therefore approaching the governments of the CERN Member States once again with two requests -- first, to intervene (or reintervene) with the Soviet authorities on Orlov's behalf and second, to express openly the feelings of the scientific community in this matter at the meeting of the CERN Council in June. In particular, we are urging the Member States either to support the proposal of the British Delegation which you initiated yourself, or to put forward a similar proposal, expressing the same sentiments.

We feel strengthened in our activities by the positive attitude taken by the British Government in this matter, and wish to reiterate our support of the British proposal and our determination to continue our own efforts on Professor Orlov's behalf to the end.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Eades

(For the Yuri Orlov Committee)

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