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Dear Dr Eades,

Thank you for your letter of 25 May to the Prime Minister about action in the CERN Council on behalf of Yuri Orlov. I have been asked to reply.

Our objective remains to draw attention to Yuri Orlov's plight and we have considered ways in which this objective can be met. One course of action would be to table a Resolution on Orlov's behalf at the CERN Council meeting later this month. This idea has been put to CERN delegates. However, in the event that this might cause problems or would embarrass delegates to the extent that the Resolution does not attract the widest support, or that it might fail, we have considered an alternative suggestion. This is a resolution which would be available for signature by individual delegates, but not for inclusion in the minutes. This might well prove to be the best way to achieve our objective. The British members of the CERN Council have been briefed accordingly and have been asked to take soundings of the other delegates.

I am sure that your Committee can be relied upon to provide suitable publicity for whatever action is taken in CERN on Orlov's behalf, and I suggest that in doing so you consult the Science and Engineering Research Council, which represents the UK at the CERN Council.

Your letter also mentioned the case of Anatoly Shcharansky. You will be interested to know that Mr. Shcharansky's wife, Avital, called on the Prime Minister on 29 April. She also saw the then Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Peter Blaker, on 27 April. I enclose a copy of the statement issued after Mrs Shcharansky's interview with Mr Blaker.

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We have also raised Mr Shcharansky's case at the CSCE Review Conference in Madrid. Although our efforts on behalf of Soviet dissidents do not always bring results as quickly as we would like, they force the Soviet authorities to attempt to defend their policies before a large and critical audience and that in itself draws attention to the plight of Shcharnasky, Orlov and others.

Yours ever,

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