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Dear Willie,

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mtProfessor Yuri Orlov

Following Michael's letter of 28 January to Francis Richards and his reply of 11 February the Prime Minister wrote on 12 February to Dr Eades of the Yuri Orlov Committee at CERN telling him that the British members of the CERN Council would be asked to raise the case of Professor Orlov. You may wish to know how things turned out.

The British delegation at CERN took soundings of other delegates to see whether or not a formal resolution in the Council at its meeting in June on behalf of Orlov would attract sufficient support. It became clear, however, that this was likely to cause problems for other delegates and embarrass them to the extent that, had we gone ahead, the resolution might have failed. Accordingly, our delegation was instructed to circulate a Declaration for signature by individual delegates. In the event, the Declaration was signed by representatives from the UK, the Netherlands, Sweden, Austria and by the Swiss Chairman of the CERN Scientific Policy Committee.

Although we did not achieve our prime objective of securing an expression of the Council's views we were able in this way to draw attention to Orlov's plight. Dr Eades has written to the Science and Engineering Research Council, which represents the UK at CERN, to express the appreciation of the Yuri Orlov Committee for the British initiative. The Committee intend to continue their activities on behalf of Orlov, and we may well receive a further approach from them for support at the next CERN Council meeting in December.

yours ever  
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