10 DOWNING STREET From the Private Secretary 13 September, 1982. The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 10 September about Anatoly Shchransky. She will continue to follow this distressing case with the closest attention. A. J. COLES Mrs. Rita Eker



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10th September, 1982.

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

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

I have just returned from Israel and have carefully perused your letter of August 2nd.

I spent many hours with Avital Shcharansky and, indeed, was with her when she spoke on the telephone to her mother—in—law, Ida Milgrom, in the Soviet Union. I can only assure you that there is grave concern for the life of Anatoly Shcharansky. I am, of course, aware that suitable discretion must at all times be used with any information we receive, whether it be for Shcharansky or any other Prisoner of Conscience or Refusenik.

Avital wishes me to convey her appreciation for the concern and behind—the—scenes diplomacy carried out by the British Government on behalf of her husband.

As you suggest I will notify the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as and when we receive any further news on his situation.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Eker.

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