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Professor Yuri Orlov

You will recall that Dr Eades, President of the Yuri Orlov Committee, wrote to the Prime Minister on 26 January 1981 asking that our delegation to the CERN Council be instructed to raise Professor Orlov's case. The Prime Minister agreed to this request in her reply of 12 February. In the event, however, there was insufficient support for the British draft resolution. The outcome was recounted in Roderic Lyne's letter of 5 August 1981 to Willie Ricketts.

/ We have now received the enclosed letter from Dr Eades to the Prime Minister requesting that we return to the charge. The letter was marked to the FCO for departmental reply. However, as the Prime Minister was herself involved in earlier correspondence, you may wish to send the enclosed draft reply yourself. (If you would prefer it to be sent from here we will of course be happy to send you a copy for your records).

The Department of Education and Science, who are the lead Whitehall department on CERN matters, will seek an early occasion informally to brief Sir Alec Morrison currently Chairman of CERN Council, on HMG's views on the Soviet treatment of Orlov. The Science and Engineering Research Council, who represent the UK at CERN, are fully aware of our position on this matter.

Our reply to Dr Eades has been delayed because the Belgians, whose Prime Minister received a similar letter, wished to coordinate a reply within the Community. However, although we circulated our proposed draft, other Community members showed no interest, and we see no reason to delay any further on this account.

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~~Thank you for your letter of 30 August 1982 to the~~

~~Prime Minister.~~

CAVEAT.....

As you know, following your letter to the Prime Minister of 26 January 1981, the British delegation to last June's CERN meeting tried to attract sufficient support for a formal resolution in the Council on behalf of Professor Orlov. Unfortunately, in spite of all their efforts, they were unable to ~~raise~~ ^{obtain} this support.

We will certainly draw the points you have made to the attention of our delegation. They will seek suitable opportunities ~~in which to record UK~~ ^{express make clear our} views on the plight of Professor Orlov, if possible when the extension of the CERN-Soviet collaboration is put to Council. However, as you will recognise, such a move may not attract any more support than on earlier occasions.

We are disturbed by the deterioration in Orlov's health and the appalling conditions in which he is living. As you know, HMG take a close interest in the Soviet human rights record. We have repeatedly made clear to the

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Soviet authorities, both within the CSCE framework and in direct bilateral contacts, the very widespread concern which is felt in this country about the general deterioration in the Soviet human rights performance. I can assure you that we shall keep up the pressure on the Soviet Union to live up to its international commitments in the field of human rights.

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