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# WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

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15th December 1982.

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RE/RE

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

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

Knowing of your personal interest in the PARITSKY family, I am enclosing the text of a letter which was recently sent to Mrs. Polina Paritsky by her husband.

May I, on behalf of this organisation, thank you for the personal interest you have shown in the fight for human rights, and take this opportunity of wishing you and your family a happy and successful 1983.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Eker  
on behalf of  
Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry

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LETTER SENT BY SASHA (ALEXANDER) PARITSKY  
TO HIS WIFE POLINA FROM HIS LABOUR CAMP

"My dear and beloved family,

I hope you are all in good health. I was just notified that during today's second shift which begins in two hours, I will be required to work again carrying heavy wooden planks (these could weigh up to 185 lbs. each). As you can see, they refused all my requests to lighten my work load.

Evidently the administration is satisfied with this situation and so am I. Therefore, I will go to the punishment cell for 15 days once or twice more. Then, solitary confinement, which could be 2, 3 or even 6 months. Later, most likely as a malicious offender, I will be sent (after a trial) to prison. That's what I foresee.

What exactly happens, only time will tell.

I want you to know, my dear ones, that my prospects for the future don't frighten me. I am ready to put myself in God's hands and accept the fate that he has planned for me. I am prepared to endure all the future ordeals that await me. Please don't worry about me.

You, my dear Politchka, take good care of yourself and of our children. They should become healthy and honest people so that we could be proud of them. I want them to be good students and to respect you and help you in everything.

Now that Anitchka has decided to live according to god's laws and has chosen a religious way of life, she will inevitably face great difficulties in school and in the community. Please help her to overcome these difficulties and to remain steadfast in her struggle for her new and honest way of life.

Dorushinka is now at a turning point in her life. She has a lot of worries and anxieties that are typical of a young girl her age. Help her to deal with these difficulties. Remind her of her responsibilities as a daughter, as a sister and as an honest person.

My dearest and beloved Politchka. . . forgive me for anything wrong that I might have done to you. I thank you for your selflessness in your struggle for me. I want you to have the same strength for yourself and for our children.

May you and the children be healthy and happy until 120 !

If this letter sounds strange to you, it is because I don't know when I will have the chance to write again to you. Be healthy and happy. I love you all very much.

Sasha. "





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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

17 December, 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 15 December. Mrs. Thatcher has asked me to pass on to you her very best wishes for 1983.

(Timothy Flesher)

Mrs. Rita Eker,

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# 35'S

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RE/DC

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23rd December, 1982.

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

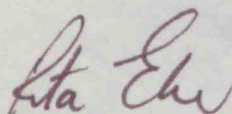
I was most grateful for your letter of December 6th and have now perused the text of the speech made by the head of the British Delegation at Madrid.

To keep you up-to-date with the information on Alexander Paritsky I am enclosing a letter which we have sent to all people and organisations interested in this family.

May we from the 35's take this opportunity of wishing you, Mr. Thatcher, and all your family a happy Christmas and peaceful 1983.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Rita Eker.

Enclosure

*Thanks on behalf of PM  
for your letter and for keeping  
her up to date on the  
 plight of Alexander Paritsky.  
I know she would want me  
to wish you a happy  
New Year.*

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# WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR POLINA PARITSKY

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RE/DC

22nd December, 1982.

To the adopters of the PARITSKY family

Dear Friend,

Today we have been informed that Alexander was given a term of six-months punishment in solitary confinement in the prison of the camp. Solitary confinement means being incarcerated in a cell measuring 6' x 6'; the temperature never rises above 56°F. We have learned from Professor Ilya Glazer, a former Prisoner of Conscience, that all heavy clothing, including warm underwear is removed from the prisoner and he is left only in light-weight prison garb. Alexander has been kept in such confinement since October 13th and this news was only relayed to us via his wife, Polina, when she arrived back in Kharkov from the camp. Polina has also been threatened that a file will be opened against her and she has been forbidden to stay in the vicinity of the camp.

We know that only world-wide pressure can help alleviate the sufferings of the Paritskys and it is for this reason that I am asking you to send your letters of appeal to:-

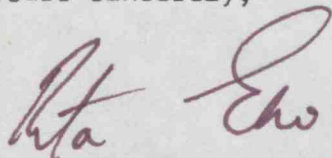
The Soviet Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Victor Popov,  
The Soviet Embassy, 18 Kensington Palace Gardens, London, W.8.

I know that you will, of course, write your usual letters of comfort and support to Polina and her daughters:-

USSR / UKRAINIAN SSR / KHARKOV 310091 / ul. Tonkopia 19/2 / Apt. 48  
PARITSKY, Polina.

With best wishes for 1983 which we hope will be a better one for our friends in the Soviet Union,

Yours sincerely,



Rita Eker (Mrs.),  
Women's Committee for Polina Paritsky.



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