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Dear Mrs Thatcher

Thank you once again for your wonderful support for Anatoly Shcharansky. We very much hope that the British lead will be followed by other Western powers.

On 4th February, Anatoly Shcharansky's mother, Ida Milgrom, was summoned to the KGB and informed that the international outcry on behalf of her son was damaging the USSR. She was asked to inform Avital that Anatoly was well. Mrs Milgrom told the officer of the KGB that she could not accept his assurances until she had seen her son with her own eyes, and she demanded his instant release.

This recognition of the concern felt about the case must gratify us all and we are therefore doubly grateful to you and the Foreign Secretary for all your efforts on his behalf.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Rita Eker and Margaret Rigal

on behalf of

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