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YOUR TEL NO 552 (NOT TO ALL) SCHCHARANSKY :

1. AT MEETING ON 13 JULY AT WHICH MY FRENCH AND FRG COLLEAGUES WERE ALSO PRESENT, THE US AMBASSADOR REPORTED THAT A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF HAD RECENTLY SEEN SCHCHARANSKY'S BROTHER AND MOTHER WHO HAD BEEN ABLE TO VISIT SCHCHARANSKY ON 5 JULY. HE HAD GAINED SOME WEIGHT AND SEEMED IN SOMEWHAT BETTER SHAPE THAN BEFORE. SCHCHARANSKY'S MOTHER HAD SAID THAT HER SON REFUSED TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENT BEGGING CLEMENCY, THEREBY ACKNOWLEDGING HIS GUILT. AFTER ALL THE PRESSURES TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED, HE DID NOT WISH TO CAPITULATE NOW BEING CONFIDENT THAT THERE WERE OTHER WAYS THROUGH WHICH HIS RELEASE COULD BE SECURED. SCHCHARANSKY'S MOTHER HAD ACCORDINGLY ASKED THAT THE AMERICANS SHOULD NOT PRESS HIM TO MAKE A FORMAL PLEA FOR CLEMENCY. AFTER ALL, THREE US PRESIDENTS HAD DENIED HE WAS A SPY. HARTMAN SAID THE AMERICANS WERE NOT PRESSING HIM.

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