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INFO ROUTINE MOSCOW

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MRS SHCHARANSKY

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MRS SHCHARANSKY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOST RECENT JERUSALEM ADDRESS WE HAVE FOR HER IS TALPIOT MIZRACH 350, APT 20.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT:

BEGINS. MY DEAR MRS SHCHARANSKY, I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT WONDERFUL NEWS IT HAS BEEN TO ME PERSONALLY, AND TO EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT YOUR HUSBAND IS NOW FREE. FOR ALL WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, HE HAD BECOME A SYMBOL OF THE BRAVE INDIVIDUAL WILLING TO STAND UP AGAINST THE REPRESSIVE MACHINERY OF THE SOVIET STATE. HIS STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN HIS RELIGIOUS AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY IN NEAR-IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS WAS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL. AND OF COURSE YOUR OWN UNTIRING EFFORTS HAVE PLAYED A MOST IMPORTANT PART IN ACHIEVING TODAY'S HAPPY RESULT. I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE BOTH FINALLY ABLE TO START LIFE TOGETHER, AND IN FREEDOM. IT IS A WONDERFUL DAY FOR YOU, AND FOR HUMANITY. I SEND YOU BOTH MY WARMEST GOOD WISHES. YOURS SINCERELY, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE DELIVERY BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM OR TELEPHONE.

NO 10 DO PROPOSE TO RELEASE THE TEXT AFTER DELIVERY.

4. TOP-SIGNED COPY (DATED 11 FEBRUARY) WILL FOLLOW.

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MR RATFORD