

PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Orlov, a human rights activist who was recently released from prison in the Soviet Union and allowed to emigrate, will be in the UK in late November. Nicholas Bethell has asked whether you would see him.

He has already seen President Reagan and is said to be going to see Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand.

I think this is worth doing. It helps publicise efforts to secure the release of other dissidents and refuseniks. It is also a tremendous encouragement to those who fight on in the Soviet Union.

Agree to see Mr. Orlov for half an hour?

C.D.P

Yes
needs interpreter

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23 October, 1986.

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From the Private Secretary

24 October, 1986.

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Lord Bethell has asked the Prime Minister whether she would see Mr. Orlov, a human rights activist, who was recently granted permission to leave the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister has agreed to do so, and will see him on Friday, 28 November. It would be helpful to have a little before then a background note on Dr. Orlov, together with any points you would wish the Prime Minister to make.

(C.D. Powell)

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MR. POWELL

MR. ORLOV

I have offered Nicholas Bethell 1030 on Friday
28 November. Nicholas Bethell will accompany.

Will you tell the Foreign Office please and
also ask for an interpreter.

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CAROLINE RYDER

24 October 1986

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I am sure that
he should see him.
Can we fit him in?

MR. POWELL

Mr. Orlov will be in London on 27/28/29 November.
He has seen Reagan and is seeing Kohl and COP
Mitterrand.

Nicholas Bethell is asking whether he can meet
the Prime Minister? I promised to ring Lord
Bethell back if you could give the answer to me.

CB.

BF // 10.30-11.00
Friday 28 Nov.

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23 October 1986