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Sakharovi permission for 5th January 1987

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Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP 10 Downing Street London SW1

Dear Margaret,

Dr and Mrs Sakharov were thrilled with your Christmas card. I spent two evenings with them at their flat in Moscow last week and I shall be writing about it for The Observer.

They asked me to pass you the enclosed card showing Pushkin Square in Moscow, which has over the years become a symbol of the human rights movement there.

The text reads, "Dear Prime Minister, we are touched by the New Year greeting that you and your husband sent us. We are deeply grateful for your many years of concern for our family. Happy New Year! With hope! Elena Bonner, Andrey Sakharov. December 29th, 1986".

I will be writing to the FCO with a few more thoughts about my visit and, if I may, I will send you a copy.

yours ever

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Scar Charles,

Here is the cord from the Sakharovs and a short note for the PM. Thank you very much for agreeing to pass it to her.

The Observer might like to reproduce the text on Sunday. Would
this be alright with ym? It is ok
by the Sakharovs.

It is understood that you may want to make your own announcement too. All the best,

Yms ever,

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