

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH "MOTHERS FOR FREEDOM" DELEGATION

You are to have a very brief meeting with the "Mothers for Freedom" delegation tomorrow morning. They represent families in Israel who are separated from other family members in the Soviet Union.

There are two members of the delegation itself, Mrs. Wanda Osnis and Mrs. Freida Lemberg. They will be accompanied by two ladies from the National Council for Soviet Jewry and a representative of the Israeli Embassy.

We envisage some photographs followed by just five or ten minutes with the ladies to give them and their cause encouragement.

There are notes in the folder about the two families:

- Mrs. Lemberg's third son Grigory has been trying to leave the Soviet Union since 1978 but is constantly being refused a visa.
- Mrs. Osnis' only son Marat has been applying for an exit visa since 1972 without success, and has lost his job as a computer engineer just for asking.

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CHARLES POWELL
12 January 1987

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Meeting with
Mothers for Freedom on 13 January

Mrs Frieda Lemberg and Dr Wanda Osnis of "Mothers for Freedom" will be calling on the Prime Minister at 11 am on 13 January. They will be calling on the Foreign Secretary at 10 am.

Our Ambassador to Israel has met members of the group and described them as "non-controversial and non-political". The group has approximately 100 members, all of them the mothers of refuseniks. They emphasise the humanitarian nature of their cause and can be expected to ask the Prime Minister to raise individual cases during her visit to the Soviet Union.

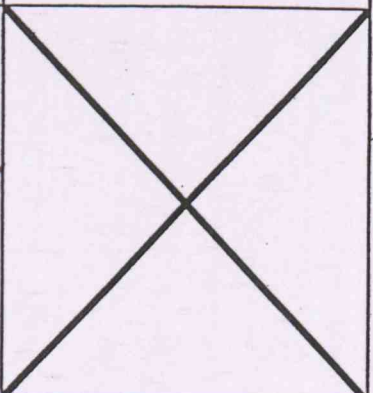
/ I enclose notes on the family details of Mrs Lemberg and Dr Osnis prepared by the National Council for Soviet Jewry.

Yours ever,
L. Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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