RAOUL WALLENBERG-FÖRENINGEN

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Prime Minister
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
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March 11, 1987

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

You have on several occasions given your warmhearted support to my brother Raoul Wallenberg's cause.

In view of your forthcoming state visit to the Soviet Union I dare ask you, also on behalf of my brother Guy von Dardel, to use your influence in talks with Mr. Gorbachev.

The openness Mr. Gorbachev demonstrates, and the recent release of Mr. Sakharov, Mr. Begun and others give us new hope also for Raoul.

The Soviet Union's repeated statement that Raoul died in 1947, was never accepted by the family or the Swedish government, as there have been frequent indications that Raoul has been in Soviet prisons all the time and was alive as late as last summer.

Raoul's identity might have been changed - into numbers, figures or "an old Swede."

People ask "how can Mr. Gorbachev release Raoul, after all these years, without loosing face?" We are convinced that he can, since he has never been involved and could put all the blame on his predecessors. He would just gain worldwide appraisal.

Raoul will be 75 in August and has spent 42 years in prison. Dear Mrs. Thatcher, do help him.

Sincerely yours,

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Nina Lagergren

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From the Private Secretary

16 March 1987

I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Mrs. Nina Lagergren about her brother Raoul Wallenberg.



I should be grateful for a suitable draft reply to send to Mrs. Lagergren to reach me by 30 March please.

(C.D. Powell)

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