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THE PRIME MINISTER

13 March 1987

*Dear Mrs. Fridman,*

Thank you for your letter of 22 February about your sister, Ida Nudel. I was encouraged to hear that you had been able to speak directly to Mr. Gerasimov about her.

I know only too well how long you and your sister have suffered separation. It was at my request that our Ambassador in Tel Aviv showed the film about her on 5 February. I was also pleased that our Ambassador in Moscow on behalf of our All Party Parliamentary Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry was able to present Ida an award for her courage on 23 February. I remain very concerned about her and, like you, long for the day when she will be able to leave for Israel.

I will do what I can to help when I go to Moscow, and have noted carefully what you wrote about the facts of the case.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Rajiv Gandhi*

Mrs. Elena Fridman.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Letter from Mrs Elena Fridman

Thank you for your letter of 25 February enclosing one to the Prime Minister from Ida Nudel's sister in Israel, Mrs Elena Fridman.

I enclose a copy of the Prime Minister's letter of 23 January to Mrs Fridman.

At the Prime Minister's request, following an approach from Mrs Fridman, our Ambassador in Israel showed at his Residence a film about Ida Nudel on 5 February. Ida Nudel was also able to attend the ceremony at the Embassy in Moscow on 23 February to receive from Sir Bryan Cartledge an award presented by the All Party Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry.

The Prime Minister has expressed an interest in meeting Ida Nudel with other refuseniks while in Moscow. We are consulting Sir Bryan Cartledge about how a meeting with refuseniks might be arranged, and who should attend. Since it will certainly be at short notice, to avoid arousing Soviet sensitivities in advance of the visit, we have not included any reference to a possible meeting in the draft reply.

We shall be briefing the Prime Minister to refer to Ida Nudel's case during her talks.

I enclose a draft reply.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

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Mrs Elena Fridman

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