

GRS 250

Restricted

PS NO 10

DOWNING ST

RESTRICTED  
FM TEL AMW  
TO ROUTINE FCO  
TELNO 129  
OF 280630Z APRIL 87  
INFO ROUTINE MOSCOW

YOUR TELNO 80: SOVIET JEWRY: IRDA NUDEL.

1. I ATTENDED THE MEETING TO MARK THE BIRTHDAY OF IRDA NUDEL ON 27 APRIL AND READ OUT THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER IN YOUR TUR. THE MINISTER OF ABSORPTION PUBLICLY THANKED MRS THATCHER FOR THE MESSAGE AND FOR HMG'S EFFORTS IN THIS AND OTHER CASES.

2. OTHERS WHO SPOKE DURING THE TWO HOUR MEETING INCLUDED ANATOL SHARANSKY, ABIE NATHAN AND HELENA FRIEDMAN (IRDA NUDEL'S SISTER). THE MAIN THEMES DEALT WITH THE NEED FOR PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, ENCOURAGEMENT OF REFUSEES AND TREATING THE IRDA NUDEL CASE AS A TEST OF SOVIET SINCERITY. THERE WAS ALSO MUCH SCEPTICISM ABOUT SOVIET MOTIVES.

3. IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING A LIVE PHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM IRDA NUDEL AND THE MINISTER AND OTHER PERSONALITIES SPOKE TO HER. AT THE CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST I REPEATED HMG'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN THIS CASE.

4. AN ISRAELI POET, NAOMI SHEMER, READ OUT A POEM ON IRDA NUDEL AND GAVE ME A MANUSCRIPT VERSION IN HEBREW FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE PRIME MINISTER (BY BAG). EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE, WERE CARRIED ON ISRAELI TV AND RADIO THE SAME EVENING AND IN THE LOCAL ENGLISH AND HEBREW LANGUAGE PRESS ON APRIL 28.

SQUARE

YYYY

TVHPAN 5347

LIMITED  
SOVIET DEPT  
NENAD  
CSCE UNIT  
NEWS O  
PS  
PS / MR GENTON  
MR RATFORD

PS NO 10 DOWNING ST

Restricted