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Dear Charles,

Mr Gorbachev's Stopover: Release of Prominent Refusenik

The Prime Minister may like to know that a prominent refusenik, Dr Victor Brailovsky, and his wife Irina, who have recently been allowed to emigrate having first applied to do fifteen years ago, were in London at the end of last week and called on Soviet Department. Dr Brailovsky's case was raised by Government Ministers on a number of occasions, most recently by the Secretary of State with Mr Shevardnadze during the Prime Minister's visit in March. Dr Brailovsky received the Annual Award in 1981 from the All-Party Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry. He was presented with the award at a ceremony in February in the British Embassy in Moscow.

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Dr Brailovsky particularly asked for his thanks to be passed to Mrs Thatcher for her role in securing his own release and that of other refuseniks. At the same time he hoped that the Prime Minister would continue to press for the release of all who wished to emigrate and for improvements in human rights generally.

The Brailovskys will live in Israel where both he and his wife have been given teaching jobs at Tel Aviv University.

Yours ever
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