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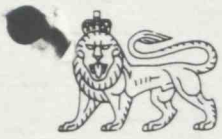
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The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 9 June about Boris Nadgornyi. She is pleased to hear about his visit to the United Kingdom and would be grateful if you would give him her warm greetings. She would also like him to tell his parents that she has their plight very much in mind and hopes and prays that the day will not be too long before they are also granted an exit visa.

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Dear Mr. Thatcher

Some time ago you were kind enough to write a warmly supportive letter to Mrs Nina Nadgornyi, the Moscow Refusenik. More recently, I notified you of the good news that her son, Boris, the subject of that correspondence, had finally received an exit visa from the Soviet Union.

Boris Nadgornyi is now based in the United States where we hope he will complete his long interrupted training in research in low-temperature physics. Having settled his immediate future, we have now arranged for him to make a short visit to the UK. The visit is primarily for him to meet the group of Oxford students, whose imaginative and energetic campaign on his behalf was a major factor in persuading the Soviet authorities to relent in his case. He arrives today and will be taken straight to Oxford to be appropriately fêted over the weekend.

Next week he will come to stay with my family for a few days in London. I cannot imagine that you yourself could spare any time to meet him, particularly at such short notice. However, if you had any message to transmit to him through me, especially if it were one of support for his parents, (still beleaguered in Moscow on the spurious excuse of possession of State secrets by his father, Professor Edward Nadgornyi); then I know that it would be very greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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