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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

5 December 1986

As you will know from reports of the exchanges in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister told the House that your letter, published that morning in the Daily Telegraph, was being considered in government.

I am now writing to let you know that after you have received knowledge of this letter and its attachment, the statement attached about your letter to the Daily Telegraph will be issued from 10 Downing Street.

(N.L. WICKS)

The Lord Rothschild, G.B.E., G.M., F.R.S.

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LORD ROTHSCHILD'S LETTER TO THE DAILY TELEGRAPH OF 4 DECEMBER  
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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER

I have now considered more fully Lord Rothschild's letter in the Daily Telegraph yesterday, in which he referred to innuendoes that he had been a Soviet agent.

I consider it important to maintain the practice of successive governments of not commenting on security matters. But I am willing to make an exception on the matter raised in Lord Rothschild's letter.

I am advised that we have no evidence that he was ever a Soviet agent.

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