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From the Private Secretary

13 February 1984

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Mr. E. Yankelevich.

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13 February, 1984

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Mr. Barclay.

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Mrs Bonner-Sakharov

In your letter of 26 January you asked how we could best let Dr Sakharov's family know about the outcome of the Secretary of State's approach to Mr Gromyko about Mrs Bonner. I recommend that you write to Mr Yankelevich (who has now returned to the US) in the terms of the attached letter.

[Handwritten signature]

(R B Bone)
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CAVEAT.....

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26 January 1984

Mrs. Bonner-Sakharov

BF | Thank you for your letter of 25 January to John Coles reporting on Sir Geoffrey Howe's conversation with Mr. Gromyko about Mrs. Bonner-Sakharov. The Prime Minister feels that it would be right to let Dr. Sakharov's family know of the outcome. I should be grateful for your advice on how best to do this.

David Barclay

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