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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister has been asked to send a message to the Conference of Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry which takes place in Washington shortly. We have been asked to let the British participants have the text of the message by tomorrow morning. The Prime Minister wishes to respond to this request. I enclose a possible text and should be grateful to know by 6 p.m. this evening whether you are content with it.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

I send to you all my best wishes for a successful Conference.

The British Government is working for an improvement in East/West relations in order to reduce the risk of misunderstanding and lessen the danger of conflict. We believe that the prospects for the better relationship we seek would be greatly enhanced if clear and positive steps were taken to improve the situation of individuals and groups within the Soviet Union who suffer from failure to observe their human rights. The British Government will continue to work for that goal and wish you well in your own unremitting efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

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