



# PARLIAMENTARY WIVES FOR THE RELEASE OF SOVIET JEWRY

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(I have acknowledged)

Dec - 2/11

Dear Prime Minister,

It was a great encouragement to us to return from Moscow yesterday evening to hear that you had made a very strong statement against the proposed Human Rights Conference to be held there in a few years time.

We wholeheartedly agree with you and know that it is also the wish of the divided Jewish families who we met. Until Perestroika is shown to be actively working the West should not agree to such a Conference taking place in the USSR.

Four of us from the Committee, Valerie Cocks, Margaret Morris, Pat Tuckman and myself spent three days on a fact finding visit. Our British Ambassador met us for informal talks and felt that we should continue to press the Soviet Authority to lift the secrecy ban and to release these long term families in refusal. We were unable to get a meeting with the Soviets but will continue to publicise the plight of these courageous people.

If you would like to hear more of our discussions please let us know.

Yours sincerely  
Susan Sainsbury

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*From the Private Secretary*

3 November 1988

In the Prime Minister's absence in Poland, I am writing to thank you on her behalf for your letter of 1 November.

I am sure she will be heartened to learn that her stand against a human rights conference in Moscow at present is supported by the very people for whom she is primarily concerned in taking that stand. As the Prime Minister said in her speech at the Savoy on 27 October, the Government will consider attending a human rights conference in Moscow only when the Soviet Union has actually implemented the commitments which it has accepted in the Helsinki Accord. Anything less would be to betray all those brave people within the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe who have fought so valiantly for their basic and God-given rights.

It was very good of you to take the trouble to write in reporting on your visit. I know the Prime Minister will be grateful.

Dominic Morris

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