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MOSCOW TELNO 496: SAMOILOVICH

1. THE HEAD OF THE HUMANITARIAN LINKS DIRECTORATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE LIFTED THEIR OBJECTION TO A VISIT TO BRITAIN BY SAMOILOVICH FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. I THANKED RESHETOV FOR THIS NEWS WHICH I SAID WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED.

2. RESHETOV SAID THAT SAMOILOVICH HIMSELF HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED. THIS WOULD BE DONE 'WITHIN THE NEXT THREE DAYS.' HE ASKED THAT WE SHOULD GIVE NO PUBLICITY TO SAMOILOVICH'S RELEASE MEANWHILE. WE URGED THAT THE MFA SHOULD LET US KNOW IF POSSIBLE WHEN IT WAS INTENDED TO INFORM SAMOILOVICH OR AT LEAST WHEN THIS HAD BEEN DONE SINCE THE NEWS WOULD CERTAINLY BREAK SOON THEREAFTER.

3. RESHETOV ALSO PROVIDED ORAL RESPONSE TO THE LISTS OF REFUSENIKS AND DETAINEES HANDED OVER ON 28 MARCH. NEARLY ONE THIRD OF THE NAMES ON THE LIST OF REFUSENIKS WERE SAID TO BE NOW FREE TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION AND NINE OF THE FOURTEEN PEOPLE ON THE SECOND LIST ARE SAID TO BE NO LONGER IN DETENTION. A DETAILED TELEGRAM FOLLOWS.

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YOUR TELNO 577:SAMOILOVICH

1. THIS IS EXCELLENT NEWS. PLEASE KEEP UP THE PRESSURE FOR US TO BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE WHEN SAMOILOVICH IS BEING TOLD. WE WANT TO GET A-SHARE OF THE CREDIT AND DO NOT WANT TO BE CAUGHT OUT WHEN THE STORY BREAKS. THE WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY HAVE ALREADY GOT WIND OF IT, APPARENTLY FROM AMERICAN SOURCES. HOW SURE ARE YOU AND THE RUSSIANS THAT THE STORY IS NOT ALREADY MORE OR LESS OUT?

2. IS IT CLEAR WHETHER SAMOILOVICH IS BEING LET OUT ALTOGETHER IE IS ALLOWED TO GO ON TO ISRAEL AFTER HIS TREATMENT, OR IS IN PRINCIPLE AT LEAST JUST BEING GIVEN A SHORT VISIT TO BRITAIN? WILL HIS FAMILY BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY HIM OR WILL HE BE TREATED LIKE CHERNOBILSKY?

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**NCSJ OFFICIALS ATTENDING LONDON CSCE INFORMATION
FORUM ENDORSE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER'S CALL FOR
COMPREHENSIVE HELSINKI ACCORDS COMPLIANCE; SUBMIT SOVIET
JEWRY PRIORITIES TO U.S. AND OTHER DELEGATIONS**

NEW YORK -- April 18, 1989. . . Officials of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) attending the Information Forum of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) now meeting in London today endorsed British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's call, in her address to the Forum's opening session, for full compliance with the Helsinki Accords.

Attending the session were Denis Braham, a Houston, Texas attorney and NCSJ Vice-Chairman; and NCSJ Executive Director Martin A. Wenick. Commenting on the British leader's address, Mr. Braham stated: "In her call for full compliance with the Helsinki Accords, especially in the area of human rights, Prime Minister Thatcher has set the necessary tone for the London Forum, which is an important follow-up to the recently completed Vienna CSCE meeting, and is an integral part of the CSCE process, leading to the Conference on Human Dimension, which will take place in Paris this May. These meetings, in turn, are part of an on-going process, which will include meetings in Copenhagen in 1990, and in Moscow in 1991. Let us hope that these discussions will bear fruit for Soviet Jewry and for the cause of human rights."