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PRIME MINISTER

cc Mrs Ponsonby

DR. SAKHAROV

You should be aware that Dr. and Mrs. Sakharov will be in the United Kingdom from 17-23 June. I have not offered them a meeting this time, because you are so very busy. I assume this is right.

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will be seeing them?

CHARLES POWELL

5 June 1989

If they ask - not
perhaps I had better see them
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From the Private Secretary

9 June 1989

DR. SAKHAROV

BF // The Prime Minister has decided on reflection that she would be willing to see Dr. Sakharov and his wife during their visit here. The best time for her would be 1700 on Wednesday 21 June. Could you please propose this to Dr. Sakharov.

(C. D. POWELL)

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5 May 1989

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Dear Charles,

Visit to UK by Sakharov: 17-23 June 1989

Thank you for your letter of 22 April to Richard Gozney. We were aware of Dr Sakharov's plans to come to the United Kingdom this summer, and are arranging a COI programme for him at Category I level (all expenses paid).

When the Embassy discussed the visit with the Sakharovs on 26 April, Elena Bonner specifically asked that the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary should be told about the visit and said that they would of course be happy to call on either if time allowed.

The Foreign Secretary agrees with you that there is no need for the Prime Minister to see them (unless they make a specific request). The Foreign Secretary will be ready to see them if they wish.

Yours,
Stephen Wall

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From the Private Secretary

27 April 1989

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I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex about a visit there in June of Dr. Sakharov. I am not aware that Dr. Sakharov has yet asked to see the Prime Minister: and she did of course meet him only last November in Washington. It would be difficult to refuse if he seeks an appointment but I do not think we need take the initiative in offering one. Are you content with this?

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Dear Charles,

I should perhaps let you know that Dr. Andrei Sakharov has agreed to come to the University of Sussex in June to accept an honorary doctorate; and that he will also be receiving a doctorate from Oxford while he is in the UK. The outline schedule for his visit is:

Monday 19 June	addressing a one-day Physics conference at Sussex
Tuesday 20 June	giving a talk at Chatham House
Wednesday 21 June	receiving a doctorate at Oxford
Thursday 22 June	giving a talk at Oxford
Friday 23 June	receiving his honorary doctorate at Sussex.

I thought I should mention this in case anyone at No.10 is proposing to see Dr. Sakharov. I would naturally prefer, as far as Sussex is concerned, to keep to the programme as above; but if you want to hijack him on the Friday, then we could at a pinch confer his degree on the day he is giving his Physics lecture here.

*Yours Ever
Leslie*