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My dear Colleague,

I write to bring to your personal attention the fate of Ms. Ida Nudel, a Soviet Jewish citizen who, for the past seven years, has been struggling to be permitted to emigrate to Israel. She has been charged with hooliganism because, in desperation, she had suspended a banner from her veranda: KGB LET ME HAVE MY VISA. For that crime she was condemned to four years' exile in Siberia. There, in a desolate village, at the age of forty-eight, suffering from heart and kidney diseases, she is the only woman, side by side with dozens of male criminals in the same compound. Her room is not properly heated; the door to her room is broken following repeated attempts by her neighbours to attack her. She sleeps with a knife under her pillow every night.

It has been reported that recently she suffered from a heart attack and did not have proper medical attention.

It would be deeply appreciated if you would see your way clear to intervene, at the highest possible level, in whatever manner you may deem fit, to put an end to her suffering and bring about her release.

Itzhak Shamir

