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Dear Anastas Ivanovich,

I'm writing this in distress: my grandson Pavel Litvinov is in Lefortovo prison. I don't know on what charges, all I know is that he is a decent and honest boy who treasures his Fatherland. Maksim Maksimovich loved him so!

Dear Anastas Ivanovich, please see if you can help him, He is so young and I am so very old.

Respectfully and hopefully yours,

A. Litvinova

October 4, 1968

In witness whereof (illegible signature)

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Leonid Ilyich,

Please consider this:

Staging a trial over Litvinov's grandson and others at the moment (they say such things are practiced) would mean giving our enemies fresh ammunition. They have spent quite some time in jail, so I believe it would be more reasonable to let them go with a warning.

(Signed) *A. Mikoyan, 12.13.[68]*

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Politburo members to be familiarized with this.

(Signed) *L. Brezhnev*

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