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Mr. Brown

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO HUNGARY

- Judith Brown has shown me your interesting letter of 27 August with which you enclosed a copy of Dr Banyasz's letter to you of 11 August. We were grateful for the forewarning.
- Dr Banyasz in fact mentioned this subject in conversation with Nick Fenn on 11 September when he again recalled his discussion with the Prime Minister of 29 July and said he hoped we could pursue the possibility of a Prime Ministerial visit to Hungary. He has not yet raised this directly with the Department but we expect that he may do this shortly. He is coming to see me later this week.
- As you say, the question of an invitation to the Prime Minister does not seem to have been renewed since it was extended by Mr Lazar to Mr Wilson in 1975. At present there are no firm plans for a visit by the Prime Minister to any East European country. If therefore Dr Banyasz raises this with us more formally, we shall say that we are sure the Prime Minister would like to visit Hungary at an appropriate time but that at the moment there were no plans to do so. The next event in our bilateral relations will be Mr Puja's visit to London in January.
- I note that you may wish to return to this subject yourself at a later stage. As I write, your comments and forebodings appear well justified. Perhaps we could discuss when you are here for Puja's visit. The picture may be clearer then.

Yours,

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