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LONDON, 83.11.04.

IMMEDIATELY!

Friday noon J. Bullard Deputy Under-Secretary of State asked for me urgently. He received me saying that he had very good news for us. Probably we had noticed that Mrs. Thatcher in her Blackpool speech, and since that, what is more also Foreign Secretary Howe more than once mentioned the importance of Eastern-Western dialogue. He can tell me confidentially that there have been several, important discussions of this questions between the Foreign Office and the prime minister's office. Now they wish to start to give a definite shape to the highest level dialogue.

Realisation of the prime minister's visit to Hungary planned for a long while would constitute an important part of this.

Thatcher is going to hold an important speech on the 14th November in the Masion House, the seat of Lord Mayor in front of the whole British government. She wishes to include the following paragraph in her speech:

"I have accepted an invitation to visit Hungary (which I hope to fulfill) the beginning of next year."

To this Bullard added: we wish to leave out the part in parenthesis from the sentence, as the announcement would have a bigger impact, and it would oblige more the prime minister as well. He asked for my opinion.

I expressed our great joy. I stressed that upon Howe's last visit to Budapest both comrade Kádár and comrade Lázár repeated our invitation for Thatcher, at a suitable time for her. On my part I agree with leaving out the parenthesis and I will urgently consult of this with our government. I suggest to give a positive answer to the question.

I remark that other ideas in connection with the visit are unknown. In the company of Bullard there was Birch Head of Department who said that the decision was made [*original Hungarian 'born'*] so quickly that they did not even have time to inform in advance their ambassador in Budapest.

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Shall see: Cr. Lajos Nagy

I have seen:

I have taken action:

[Next to Lajos Nagy's name signature of Golub 1/8. With the same handwriting to other notes: "Cr. Ábriné" and "Cr. Lázár shall receive it."]