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CIPHER TELEGRAM

Immediately!

On the 22nd December at 16 o'clock – before receiving the centre's telegram – I was called by Birch, Head of Department. He informed me of the discussion of our ambassador held with Comrade Nagy, and he added the following to it:

- they thank very much the information, and they immediately informed the prime minister of it,
- Thatcher's "internal peace" *[original Hungarian "peace of soul"]* would only set back to normal if she would be able to go on her Christmas holiday having received a bit bigger pledge from us for the realisation of the visit,
- the prime minister – as it is known – has once more stood for the necessity and importance of the visit to Hungary. For both countries, in front of international and national public opinion, it would mean hardly unpleasant explanations in case the visit would be cancelled.
- Thatcher once more confirmed that she is preparing for Budapest with very good heart *[Hungarian expression meaning very willingly]* and with the intention of real dialogue. But we have to believe that due to her very busy programme she can reserve only these two days for the visit.

Birch in the end added: he asks in the names of the prime minister and her foreign secretary as well that tomorrow, on Friday, we shall add something encouraging to what has been already said. *[from 'Friday' the sentence is underlined]*

I made a promise that I immediately forward what he had said. At the same time I ask to get at any rate an order for the reply I shall give to Birch before 15 o'clock on the 23rd.

Comrade János Nagy informed on 12.22. at 21.40 via telephone.

Shall see: Cr. L. Nagy

I have seen:

I have taken action:

[Next to Lajos Nagy's name signature of L Nagy XII/23. With a different handwriting signature of Golub 12/25 and Ábriné. Under "I have taken action": "Cr. János Nagy sent a reply. L. Nagy XII/23"]