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**6-13 0080/3 Guardian interjú kérésre Kádár et.tól Thatcher látogatás előtt – The Guardian's request for interview from Cr. Kádár before the Thatcher visit**

Inside the cover handwritten text: "Replied to in other way. [e.g.: not by replying the contained document] Cr. Kádár cannot accept any journalist. [illegible signature, maybe "Ili" i/ii]"

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**CIPHER TELEGRAM**

[Next to "Cipher telegram", on the right handwritten note: "T. [for Topic] Request of a Guardian interview from Cr. Kádár before the Thatcher visit" [handwriting is different from the ones above]]

**URGENT!**

Birch, Head of Department called me on telephone. He informed me that our ambassador of Budapest was at the KÜM [Külügyminisztérium = Foreign Office] and he received several questions concerning the prime minister's visit. To a certain amount of questions they are also waiting for reply from the prime minister's office, but they hope that Friday afternoon Bullard will be already able to reply to one or two of them.

It is for sure that Thatcher travels by a big plane, therefore she can bring with herself a remarkable press entourage. The official announcement of the visit's date will happen soon.

Birch told that Hella Pick, noted journalist of the *Guardian*, well-known expert on Eastern-Europe who had been to Hungary several times turned to the FCO. She informed them that in connection with the prime minister's visit – a few days before that – she wishes to make an interview or a background discussion with Comrade Kádár. The FCO investigated the question, and found that there is precedent for this in the Hungarian practice. So, for example before the visit of Mitterrand, *Le Monde* had got an interview with Comrade Kádár. Birch informed that the FCO supports the *Guardian's* request. In return Thatcher is ready to give an interview for the MTI [*Magyar Távirati Iroda = Hungarian News Agency*] or the TV. [text from background discussion till the end marked by a vertical line on the left, drawn by hand]

I have informed [him] that we immediately forward the request to Budapest.

I ask for your kind information whether there is possibility for the requested interview or background discussion. According to my opinion, the permission [*in original Hungarian: giving*] of it at the current situation would create huge attention in the whole English-speaking area. [*This paragraph is marked by a vertical line on the left just like the one before, except for the last two words.*]

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**Shall see: Cr. Lajos Nagy**  
Forwarded: 15.00.

**I have seen:**

I have taken action:

*[Next to Lajos Nagy's name signature with the marking pen.  
Under forwarded an illegible signature with different pen. The next to and under it text with the marking pen: "Cr. T. Iván then we ask it back to the V. Territorial [Department]"  
Under it "L: [short form for "I have seen it"] and 6 illegible signatures, the first maybe "Sztankóc", the third one "Víg"]*