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**6-13 M. Thatcher magyarországi látogatásának programja 0080/2 – Programme of M. Thatcher's visit to Hungary**

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On the 6<sup>th</sup> I was accepted by Bullard, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, in the company of Birch, Head of Department. In the introduction Bullard expressed his great delight that the visit of the prime minister was realised, whose importance – as he said – outgrows our bilateral relations of the present moment. His delight is increased by the fact that Thatcher has just now appointed him to be member of the entourage and probably also Birch is going to travel with them.

They have now sent a detailed instruction for ambassador Unwin concerning all the minor details of the visit. They think that out of practical viewpoint it is easier to leave the preparation of the visit to the British Embassy of Budapest, - and we are asked from time to time to clear some occasional problems. They know that Unwin has already asked a visit at the KÜM [*Külügyminisztérium = Foreign Office*] for the 9<sup>th</sup>.

They informed me about their following ideas – underlining that the prime minister has not yet made a decision concerning some questions:

The entourage of the prime minister consists of app. 10 persons. It is not probable – although not excluded – her husband's journey.

Due to the fact that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February Thatcher after lunch has to still respond to questions in Parliament, she can hardly depart before 4 o'clock this time [*e.g. London time*]. She travels by a VC-10 type of government plane, her expected arrival time is around 19.30 Hungarian time.

The prime minister would really like if on that day e.g. an official dinner could be fitted in the programme. But they know that according to Hungarian customs the first dinner has to be realised by the Hungarian part.

They suggest placing a wreath on Heroes' Square in the morning of Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. After this may the discussion with Comrade Lázár begin. The prime minister expects [*check: counts on*] to meet here – or during a separate discussion – Comrades Marjai and Veress.

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Bullard underlined that Thatcher concerning both world political and bilateral questions wishes to concentrate on basic questions, she does not wish to go into details.

The prime minister sincerely hopes that she is going to have opportunity to meet Comrade Kádár. If it is possible, she asks to register the visit for Friday after lunch.

Thatcher is also thinking that it would be useful to held a presentation for example at the MTA [*Magyar Tudományos Akadémia = Hungarian Academy of Sciences*].

They wish to maintain Friday evening for a British event in turn.

On Saturday morning the prime minister would willingly visit a market in Budapest, then she either would take an excursion to the Danube Bend, or she would visit an industrial plant.

She would held on Saturday, before the end of her visit – after lunch – a press conference.

They do not consider necessary to publish a communiqué.

A few days before the visit Thatcher would willingly give an interview for the Hungarian television. Bullard stressed that the programme-suggestion which has been described for me only in some details obviously makes lot of troubles for the organisers, but they hope that our joint pursuits will be effective also in this question.

Please, in case Unwin raised other important questions than the above described ones, kindly inform us about them. I also ask to be continuously informed about the programme's creation.

In the end I wish to kindly ask for information about the MTV [*Hungarian Television*]'s resolution concerning the case of Thatcher's interview.

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