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Deputy-leader of the FCO's Eastern-European Department said:

They look at Hungary as an ideological opponent, but it is a country that after 1956 was able to renew from political and economic point of view as well, there are no problems in any field, not even from the viewpoint of human rights. All this makes Hungary an acceptable partner for the West.

England and Poland's relations are traditional, but in the current situation to best *[maximum]* a slow normalisation can be expected. Next to political atmosphere economic hardships make difficult the ordination of relations (contrary to this, it is the second biggest Eastern-European trade partner.)

Czechoslovakia after 1968 was not able to renew. Her economic situation is unstable, there cannot be seen a resolute political leading and an economic concept.

They find Romania's economic situation to be grievous *[serious]* and are not convinced of quick unfolding. They respect the international initiatives of Romanian leadership in the interest of disarmament, but it is a question "how far they get alone."

Yugoslavia is a country in unique situation both in the socialist camp, as well as in the eyes of the British. Based on historical traditions the British government attributes huge importance to the help of Yugoslavia, to the improvement of bilateral relations.

Bulgaria shows great interest in British relation *[i.e. "from the British point of view"]*, relations are improving, but they think that she plays a more important role only in the Balkan territory.

GDR-British relations usually develop well, but they acknowledge that the GDR improves her cooperation first of all with West Germany. A problem appears [*original Hungarian "presents"*] only in trade turnover, 4:1 British deficit.

These circumstances also have to be taken in consideration at the organisation of high-level meetings – said A. Carter.

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Shall see: Cr. Lajos Nagy
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Cr. Szentesi

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I have taken action:

[Signatures of: Lajos Nagy, Golub and Ábriné, all on 2/13.]