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URGENT!

On the 12th January in the company of Lajos Nagy I visited Birch and we had a longer discussion about the prime ministerial visit. Birch informed me of the following:

The prime minister due to her indicated engagement on the evening of the 2nd can only arrive at Budapest in a time (19.30-20.00 o'clock) due to which a programme cannot be planned for that day. For this reason they suggest us to start the official programme on Friday morning, the 3rd.

According to this, they expect *[in original Hungarian "count on"]* that Comrade Lázár's banquet will take place on Friday evening.

Before the start of the discussions they thought of a brief tête-à-tête meeting with Comrade Lázár which would serve personal acquaintance. They wish to touch on exact questions on the immediately following plenary sessions. For this they prepare a 10-minute-long introductory statement touching on both international and bilateral topics.

Thatcher is looking forward to her unbound *[or 'informal']* exchange of views with Comrade Kádár with great expectations. She hopes that the necessary amount of time will be available for this.

She wishes to talk to Comrade Marjai about economic questions by all means, especially about our reforms – and for example not only in the framework of a dinner. Based on the continuous underlining ("Comrade Marjai is so far the only leader whom the prime minister knows in person, and he had a rather good impression on her" – said Birch) I would find it to be worth considering that for example on the evening of arrival Comrade Marjai meet Thatcher. Thatcher would be willing to meet Comrade Veress as well.

The prime minister would held an app. half-an-hour-long presentation of philosophical approach – therefore not with everyday political content – at the MTA [*Magyar Tudományos Akadémia, Hungarian Academy of Sciences*] about future, the statesmen's role.

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Thatcher wishes to see at least a bit of Budapest (e.g. walk in the Váci Street, market hall, shopping mall – meeting people.) In connection with the excursion to the Danube Bend Birch remarked: they do not plan a meeting with cardinal Lékai¹, because now they do not wish to exchange views with church leaders, but with the MSZMP's [*Magyar Szocialista Munkáspárt = Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party*] leaders. For this reason in case the cardinal is at home, Esztergom should be left out of the programme.

The entourage is not approved yet. The notion of the discussion entourage: J. Bullard – in case there would be another person from FCO that would be Birch –, ambassador Unwin, 2 private secretaries of the prime minister, her press agent (maybe his deputy as well), councillor Fortescue.

They told that Mrs Thatcher accepted my invitation for dinner on the 31st January. (So far the prime minister – according to our notions – accepted invitation only from the ambassador of the USA.)

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¹ László Lékai (1910-1986), cardinal, Archbishop of Esztergom.