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*From the Private Secretary*

16 March 1984

*Dear Ruth,*

HUNGARY TODAY

I attach the signed message by the Prime Minister which is to appear in the edition of British Business which will coincide with the "Hungary Today" event.

*Yours sincerely  
Andrew Turnbull*

ANDREW TURNBULL

Miss Ruth Thompson,  
Department of Trade and Industry.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Welcome to Peter Veress, the Hungarian Minister of Foreign Trade and best wishes for the success of the 'Hungary Today' event.

When I visited Hungary in February I stressed how important foreign trade was for both our countries. I encouraged the Hungarians to seek out export opportunities in Britain. 'Hungary Today' is proof that they intend to do just that.

But of course, trade should be a two-way process and I also made the point to the Hungarians that there should be opportunities for British exporters in Hungary. We ask for no more than the chance to compete on equal terms with all-comers in the world market place. I am confident that British industry is ready to make the most of its opportunities.

I want closer commercial contacts between our two countries, and I see the 'Hungary Today' event as a splendid step in this direction. May the event increase the trading appetites of both our countries.

*Margaret Thatcher*

March 1984

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