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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

You have already devoted
a great deal of time to
Hungarians: and the timing
is very difficult with the
Weizmann speech on 6 March.
Dear Charles,

10 December 1984

Will do
not

Agree not to
see him?

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Visit of the Hungarian Foreign Minister

Mr Peter Varkonyi, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, will be visiting Britain at the invitation of the Secretary of State from 5-7 March 1985. The Hungarians have asked if Mr Varkonyi could call on the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister met Mr Varkonyi during her visit to Hungary last February. She has also met in London this year the Foreign Trade Minister, Mr Veress (April) and Central Committee Secretary Mr Szuros (October). The Hungarians have set great store by these meetings. If the Prime Minister were able to receive him, a short call by Mr Varkonyi on the Prime Minister would add greatly to the success of his visit, reinforce the good Anglo/Hungarian relationship and continue the momentum of high level East/West contacts. But Sir Geoffrey Howe does not consider that the Prime Minister should feel obliged to see him if the call is difficult to fit into her programme.

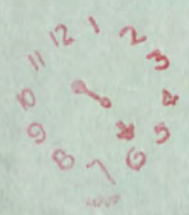
Mr Varkonyi, who speaks excellent English, arrives late morning on 5 March and departs mid-morning on 7 March.

Yours ever,
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(L V Appleyard)
Private Secretary

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