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Prime Minister
Agree that Mr. Kadar
should be invited this
autumn, & the
invitation issued in
your name?

16 January 1985

Dear Charles, CDP 17/1

Yes Mr

Possible Visit to Britain by Mr Kadar

The Prime Minister will recall that when she saw Mr Szuros, the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, on 30 October 1984, she said that she hoped that one day Mr Kadar might come to Britain.

As Mr Rifkind has already told the Prime Minister, the Hungarian Ambassador told him informally on 15 January that if Mr Kadar received an invitation he would be very happy to visit Britain this year or at a later date.

Following the Prime Minister's own visit to Hungary a year ago and the Foreign Secretary's proposed visits to Eastern Europe this spring, it would be appropriate to receive an East European leader in London, perhaps in the autumn. Mr Kadar is the obvious choice and his visit could play a significant part in the East/West dialogue. He has visited Paris and Bonn but not been elsewhere in the West. The Foreign Secretary hopes therefore that the Prime Minister can agree to this informal proposal by the Hungarians and that some possible dates can be offered. Since Mr Kadar, though First Secretary of the Party, holds no government position, Sir Geoffrey suggests that the invitation should be issued by the Prime Minister on behalf of the British Government.

Yours ever,
Len Appleyard

(L V Appleyard)
Private Secretary

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I have offered the FCO three dates for the official visit by Mr. Kadar of Hungary. The dates are 31 October and 4 and 5 November.

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Caroline Ryder
23 January 1985



WJ
cc: PC
cc: DS

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

18 January, 1985

POSSIBLE VISIT TO BRITAIN BY MR. KADAR

Thank you for your letter of 16 January about the possibility of an invitation to Mr. Kadar to visit Britain.

The Prime Minister agrees that Mr. Kadar should be invited to pay a visit to Britain in the Autumn and that the invitation should be issued by her on behalf of the Government. I should be grateful if you could discuss possible dates with Caroline Ryder or David Barclay.

(C.D. Powell)

L. Appleyard, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MR POWELL

Yes, but no-one else

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ENQUIRY FROM COLIN BUDD

Could the Hungarian Ambassador, plus our Ambassador to Hungary, attend the meeting with the Hungarian Foreign Minister on 7 March?

Relayed to FCO

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26 February 1985