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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. KADAR

Two hours have been set aside for this meeting. This is mainly to satisfy Hungarian amour-propre. As long as it appears in the programme as two hours, it won't matter if the actual meeting is a bit shorter.

It is envisaged that the first 45 minutes will be tete-a-tete with note-takers. Thereafter Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors will join in. The (Hungarian) interpreter will be the one who interpreted for you in Hungary.

I attach the briefs and some cards. There is no specific business to be done. The fact of the visit is the story, more than what is said. But you will want to try to draw him into a general and philosophical discussion of East/West relations in the hope that we can gain some insights from his unrivalled experience and feel. You will want to get his impressions of Gorbachev and of what Gorbachev is likely to try to do in the way of economic reform within the Soviet Union; ask for his assessment of Soviet aims at the forthcoming summit with the United States; find out whom he regards as other men to watch in the Soviet leadership; and let him tell you about Hungary's economic problems.

The briefing folder also has the record of your last meeting with Kadar, as well as of your meetings with Szuross and Varkonyi in case you want to refresh your memory. Varkonyi will be present.

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