

Political Office
EDG

MR POWELL

cc John Whittingdale

Stephen Biller of the EDG Secretariat rang to speak to John concerning the Prime Minister's talks with Dr Jozsef Antall this afternoon.

He asked that the Prime Minister be made aware that 6 members of the EDG have firmly committed themselves to assisting the campaign in Hungary and are going out there to speak to public meetings. They are each attached to different Parliamentary Candidates of the Hungarian Democratic Forum.

Those going are:

- Edward MacMillan-Scott (today and tomorrow)
- Andrew Simpson (today and tomorrow)
- Anne McIntosh (tomorrow and Wednesday)
- Christopher Jackson (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Richard Simmonds (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
- Christopher Beazley (tomorrow and Wednesday).

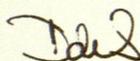
The EDG are also sending out with Christopher Jackson, as Deputy Chairman of the Group, Jeffrey Mead of the Association of Press Representatives, on Wednesday and Thursday to cover his speeches.

EDG members have accepted to take part in a press conference organised by the Hungarians at 11.00 on Thursday morning.

The Hungarians are keen to get the maximum publicity of the EDGs assistance in order to offset the impression that the HDF has only Germans as friends.

Mr Biller also asked that it be emphasized to the Prime Minister that it was only the EDG who brought to the attention of the European Parliament the plight of the 3.5 million Hungarians who were repressed by Ceaucesceau, and that we therefore have a strong concern in Hungary.

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