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Margaret Thatcher

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Dear Prime Minister,

When we met on 15th April and discussed the current NATO operation against Serbia I gained the strong impression that the Hungarian Government supported it. You can therefore imagine my astonishment on learning that your government has publicly stated that NATO ground forces would never be permitted to launch any attack on Serbia from Hungarian territory.

I well understand the worries you have about Hungarians living in Vojvodina. But the public stance your government has taken, by reassuring the Serbs that they have nothing to fear from ground action undertaken from Hungary, significantly adds to the danger our forces may face elsewhere. I employed all my efforts, particularly with friends in the United States, to urge the incorporation of Hungary into NATO. Consequently, you can understand how dismayed I am by your action. For the sake of Hungary's reputation, I do most earnestly ask you to reconsider it.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr Viktor Orban
Prime Minister of Hungary