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cc Mrs Ryder

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

7 October 1985

VISIT OF MR. KADAR

Thank you for your letter of 7 October.

It is a pity that the Hungarians have turned down the more imaginative programme suggestions. The Prime Minister found that it was precisely such events which made her own visit to Hungary interesting and worthwhile. She feels that it would add greatly to the sympathy and interest with which Mr. Kadar is received here if he were to take up one or two of the ideas we have put forward. You will want to consider whether there is mileage in conveying this to the Hungarians as the Prime Minister's considered view.

We shall make the proposed press announcement shortly. Our Press section will be in touch with News Department about the precise timing.

I am sure that the Prime Minister will want a Minister of State to meet Mr. Kadar on arrival if no Cabinet Minister is available.

I agree with what is proposed on the agenda for the talks, participation and interpretation.

Can you please obtain two or three interesting chess sets for the Prime Minister to choose from on 14 or 15 October.

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Dear Charles,

Visit of Mr Kadar: 31 October-2 November

The Hungarians have confirmed that Mr Kadar will visit the UK from 31 October to 2 November. The programme is now being planned in detail and a draft outline is attached. The Hungarians have turned down a number of our suggestions, such as a visit to J Sainsbury to see Hungarian goods on sale, a football match, and an evening entertainment. This explains the somewhat routine nature of the draft programme. I should be grateful for your advice on the following points.

Press Announcement

The Hungarians will not announce the visit until a few days beforehand. They have no objection to our making an announcement earlier. As there is already considerable press interest in the visit, I suggest that the official announcement should be made as soon as possible. I enclose a draft.

Arrival and Greeter

Mr Kadar plans to arrive by private plane at 1110 on Thursday 31 October. As there will be a Cabinet Meeting the same morning, it will not be possible for the Foreign Secretary to greet Mr Kadar personally, although he will be represented by a special greeter.

Delegation

The members of Mr Kadar's delegation will be Mr Varkonyi, the Foreign Minister, Dr Banyasz, Head of the Government Information Department (and former Ambassador in London), Mr Kovacs, a member of the International Department of Central Committee, and Mr Melega, Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade.

Talks

The Prime Minister has agreed to talks with Mr Kadar from 1630-1830 on Thursday 31 October. For this occasion the Foreign Secretary suggests that the main subjects would be East/West relations and arms control, economic issues, and bilateral relations. For such a discussion it would normally be

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appropriate for Foreign Ministers, Ambassadors and one official  
a side to be present.

#### Interpretation

Mr Kadar will bring two interpreters, which should be adequate. If you would like an interpreter on our side, I would propose that it should be a member of the Foreign Office, rather than an outside interpreter whose Hungarian origins might unsettle Mr Kadar.

#### Speech at Dinner

The Prime Minister is giving a dinner for Mr Kadar on Thursday 31 October. We will submit a draft speech shortly lasting about 10 minutes. We would aim to arrange for the speech, and Mr Kadar's reply, to be translated and distributed before the dinner in order to avoid the need for translation.

#### Gifts

Although we try to discourage the exchange of gifts, Mr Kadar will almost certainly bring a gift for the Prime Minister, probably of Herend porcelain. If the Prime Minister wishes to give Mr Kadar a present in return, we suggest a chess set (he is a keen player).

*Yours ever,*

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VISIT OF MR KÁDÁR, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY:  
31 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Thursday 31 October

- 1110 Arrive in London by private plane.  
Stay at the Hyde Park Hotel. Lunch  
at hotel.
- 1430 - 1600 Sightseeing tour of London, including  
call on the Lord Mayor.
- 1630 - 1830 Talks with the Prime Minister, the Rt  
Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP, at 10  
Downing Street.
- Return to hotel
- 1945 for 2000 Dinner given by the Prime Minister

Friday 1 November

- 0930 Call on the Speaker at the Palace of  
Westminster

Meeting with Leaders of the Opposition  
Parties at the Palace of Westminster.

1005 The Rt Hon Neil Kinnock, MP

1050 The Rt Hon David Steel MP

1115 The Rt Hon David Owen MP

1145 - 1245 Meeting with the Secretary of State  
for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs,  
the Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC, MP,  
Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

1300 for 1315 Lunch hosted by the Secretary of  
State for Foreign & Commonwealth  
Affairs, at Lancaster House.

1530 Meeting with leading businessmen/  
industrialists arranged by the CBI  
at Centre Point.

1700 Press conference.

1800 Meeting with the Secretary-General of  
the Communist Party.

1900

Mr Kádár to meet members of the  
Hungarian Community. Dinner given by  
HE Dr Matyas Domokos at the Embassy.

Saturday 2 November

am

Fly to Scotland. Visit a factory or  
industrial project. Lunch in  
Edinburgh Castle.

1500

Return to Budapest by private plane  
from Edinburgh.

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JÁNOS KÁDÀR (KAA-DAA-R)

General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party. Member of the Political Committee: Member of the Presidential Council: Member of the National Assembly.

Born 1912. Apprenticed as a toolmaker and imprisoned several times for Communist activities. In 1942 he became a member of the Central Committee. Arrested by the Germans in 1944, but escaped. In 1945 he organised the Budapest Party and became its Deputy First Secretary. In 1948 he was elected to the Politburo and subsequently became Minister of the Interior. In 1950 he gave up his Ministerial post to concentrate on Party work but in April 1951 he was arrested, and charged with espionage, treason and Titoism. After being brutally treated in prison, he was released in 1954 and although not completely rehabilitated filled various minor Party posts.

After the fall of Rakosi in July 1956, Kádàr was re-elected to the Politburo and gave his support to the Nagy Government. At first he appeared to support the Hungarian Revolution but then broke with Nagy, apparently over the question of Hungarian neutrality and withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, and fled to the Soviet Embassy. Soon after he set up a Soviet-backed Government, at first on Soviet territory.

By early 1957 he was indisputably head of the new regime as First Secretary, and (until 1958) Prime Minister. A visit by Khrushchev in April 1958 confirmed his position. He resumed the post of Prime Minister from 1961 to 1964. In 1972 he presided over a compromise between the reformist and conservative groups in the Party. In September 1974 he led a high level Party and Government delegation in Moscow. In

July 1975 he met the Foreign Secretary, Mr James Callaghan, and in December 1976 he made a highly successful visit to Austria. In 1977 he made further successful and well-publicised visits to West Germany, Italy (and the Vatican). He visited France in 1978 and revisited West Germany in 1982. He received Lord Carrington in 1980 and Sir Geoffrey Howe in September 1983. In July 1983, he made an important visit to Moscow, where Mr Andropov (who had been Ambassador for the USSR to Hungary in 1955-57) appeared to have given his endorsement of current Hungarian policies. He also visited Warsaw, Prague and East Berlin in quick succession in the autumn/winter of 1983.

In February 1984 he received the Prime Minister on a visit to Hungary; and, in the same year, received the Prime Minister of Italy and the FRG Chancellor, and visited France.



