INTRODUCTION

Mr. Prime Minister,

Thank you for your kind words and generous hospitality.

This is my first visit to Hungary - and the first visit by a British Prime Minister to your country.

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The histories of Britain and Hungary have touched at many points.

The authors of your Golden Bull of 1222 were, I believe much influenced by the authors of our Magna Carta in 1215. Lajos Kossuth enjoyed a triumphant tour of Britain in 1851 and remained in London for several years.

Several of your great musicians knew Britain well. Haydn, born in Austria and adopted by Hungary, gave many concernts in England. Liszt, too, began his international career in my country.

Before I left London I was shown, in my room at the House of Commons, an engraving of the fine Parliament Buildings, constructed in Budapest at the end of the last century - the design clearly inspired by our own Palace of Westminster.

/In modern times,

In modern times, different activities have brought us together. In a famous match some 30 years ago you beat us 6-3 at Wembley and your prowess on the football field is still legendary in Britain. And perhaps we have created another legend with our famous ice-dancing pair who won the European championship in Budapest three weeks ago - the only ice in our relationship.

Mr. Prime Minister, in the year 1000, St. Stephen was crowned as the first Christian King of Hungary. He is described in our history books - and perhaps in yours - as the founder and architect of the first independent realm of Hungary. In my words to you tonight I want to look - not back to that millennium but forward to the next, to the year 2000.

THE CHALLENGE

We are but 16 years from that boint. It will inevitably be a time when the peoples of the world take stock. They will ask what the human race <u>has</u> achieved; what it <u>should</u> have achieved; and what it might have prevented. Under a would shall be the grie 1 the whenline on theil begins of fulne grunders? We all - you, the government and people of Hungary - we in Britain - the peoples of the wider world - have the opportunity to affect the judgement that will be made in sixteen teaps' time. Our actions, whether good or itl, will be subject of special scruting. We must ask ourselves today in 1984, these questions

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How with our differing histories, experiences and beliefs do we ensure that we progress towards a better life for our, peoples? pussed Better in the sense that they can pursue their own ambitions and auch hopes and together achieve a higher standard of living and a better quality of life. and reach a Ating p-Acad type Julie ferenchor

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How do we ensure that each nation can shape its own destiny a destiny in keeping with the character and beritage of its people?

How can we promote a secure peace and that freedom from Lis elycled fear which [so many of our predecessors have sought?

That is the challenge.

THE RESPONSE

And the response? much shallow anythes 12. Statesmen and governments throughout the world have the duty to lead their peoples towards the millenium: to lead them, not to be the prisoners of events, still less to be deflated plausilie half-hullen seduced by empty panaceas. We must wrestle with the world and by be medical in the state of the state as it is, not as we might like it to be. If each, or most, Go to Suin Suhnoly overpage

of the current generation of leaders can say at the end of their working lives that their countries are secure and their peoples happier and more prosperous - and if their peoples agree with them that will be true progress. When the searchlight is trained on us in the year 2000 then, if we have achieved that much, we can be satisfied.

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We shall pursue our goal in differing ways. We in Britain believe passionately in certain fundamental values - in peace with freedom, a just law and political democracy. We shall always try dways upper on came - chlend I will in your to pursue and further them () The Hungarian experience and system differ from ours! But we have common interests which we can pursue. together. To work for a world where we can live together without rult conflict and to our mutual advantage is not to abandon one's ow nor to relate our vigit. And fundamental beliefs, The fact that a country belongs to a particular entership of an supering. filderil alliance does not exclude co-operation with countries outside that alliance. Go over to p. 7 Peace

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In purusing our goals we have at our disposal unprecedented scientific and technological resources. There is no place for pessimism. I am <u>tired</u> of pessimism.) Think of 1945 when Europe was ir ruins. Twick in thirty years Europeans had spent huge resources on murderous conflicts which threatened to destroy the economic and social progress promised by the industrial revolution. And yet, in the two generations since 1945, we have seen massive reconstruction and recovery and our peoples have come to use and enjoy products undreamed of by an earlier age.

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Both our countries, Mr. Prime Minister, are trading -We have both suffered from current world economic nations. difficulties. We can both welcome the signs that the recession This will give us better opportunities to increase is ending. our bilateral trading. We wish success to the promotion of your exports through the "Hungarian Days" shortly to be held in We encourage you to study and analyse the British market London. and seek further export possibilities. The British door is In return, we ask that our businessmen should receive open. comparable opportunities here to compete with all colours on equal terms. Insur ?

has seef a mohiler to communication medicion niches medial The twentieth century began with the combustion engine, has moved into space exploration and will end - with what? / Ir hyan with a Such is the pace of technological change that we cannot the diversion we 1 W new 16 year. answer the question. But we have the resources - and if we hluf foretil Undalso have imagination, will and common sense the world of ucalon ore. which 2000 will be a world of greater opportunity, more freedom mare lins sledge of choice, less hardship, less poverty, less misery! Now me Then to the Dianie Relio. knowned only how to haven multan ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT swill but chan Stat oreport user to line - c But for that to come about another condition must be We Junders satisfied. We mustbe confident that peace will endure. 1 meller

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I come to Hungary at a time when the political landscape of our own continent, and of others, is clouded. We have already had the chance to tell each other something of the aims of our government and of our hopes, as well as our fears about international developments. / Today we stand on different sides of a political divide. But the search for stability, security and peace embraces us both.

Ib? One great test of leadership in the next seventeen years will be the imagination and determination we bring to the tasks of arms control and disarmament. We shall need political will as well as mutual respect. Political will because arms control agreements do not make themselves. Mutual respect - for it is useless to suppose that East or dimethe way of a true of the second arms control agreements unless they leave arms control agreements unless they leave a while a true of weaponry.

- We must both be ready to adopt practicable measures. We must both be ready to have them verified. We must each recognise the other's need for security. Otherwise, no useful agreement is possible. If we both accept this approach, there could be fewer nuclear weapons, fewer conventional weapons, and for a start perhaps we could abolish chemical *cold ac dolored* weapons altogether as Britain has already done enough *for the start perhaps for the start perh*

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In Budapest tonight I stress that Britain and her allies are absolutely sincere in the search for such The need is urgent. New technology creates agreements. newer and more terrible weapons Weapons that were fiction yesterday are fact today, and overtaken tomorrow. The burden of defence expenditure is growing. There is a deep yearning amongst our peoples to halt and reverse this vhi i no process, particularly in the nuclear field. Now is precisely the wrong time for there to be a hiatus in the most important negotiations between East and West. This is the i i not This is the time to negotiate. time to talk. chairs at Geneva have been empty too long. The has I should hand

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In Helsinki nearly 11 years ago, we, with you, began a **free** which marked a way forward together with East and West. The Madrid Conference showed the obstacles we had to overcome. The scene is now Stockholm. I hope that the fact that the Foreign Ministers of nearly all 35 participants went to the opening of the Stockholm Conference illustrates a genuine commitment to progress there. We seek in Stockholm concrete measures to strengthen confidence and security in Europe, and Britain will do everything possible to achieve that goodwill goal.

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Mr. Prime Minister, those of us who remember the horrors

of war - and we shall be fewer as time goes by - have a passionate commitment to peace. And the desire to live in a less dangerous world drives us on to the true millennium of mankind, where nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they know war. Let us dedicate ourselves to that goodwill.

Despite our differences, Hungary and Britain share these aspirations. We can and must work together for the future Your invitation has enabled me to see the country I have heard so much about. I thank you for your hospitality and for the frankness of our talks. I hope that it will soon be possible for you to visit London to continue the valuable dialog and that we have begun today. I raise my glass to you, Prime Minister, and to the Hungarian people: I drink to your health and prosperity.

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