CALL ON PRIME MINISTER LAZAR

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Opening statement (see text)

East/West Relations

Deterioration regrettable (Soviet military build-up, Afghanistan, Poland, Human Rights).

Seek improvement over long-term.
US & NATO allies united in approach.
Reagan wants peace (16 January speech).

Eastern Euorpe - we acknowledge diversity and seek to build up common interests.

Arms control

Regret Soviet withdrawal from INF and suspension of START.

Want all talks resumed without precondition. Glad MBFR resume in March.

Seek worldwide verifiable ban on chemical weapons.

Stockholm

West have tabled proposals. We shall evaluate other proposals against agreed criteria:-

- militarily significant
- politically binding
- verifiable
- cover whole of Europe

EC/Hungary

We want trade agreement - and are pressing EC partners but bound to take time: EC must study market implications of requests.

/Bilateral Relations

Bilateral Relations Good.

Cultural

Note successful negotiations in November for 1984/86 cultural exchange programme.

Good academic exchanges.

Want more ordinary people to visit both ways.

Remove obstacles to English language teaching

- more freedom for Hungarians to visit Embassy Cultural Section
- and for Cultural attache to travel and make contacts.

Commercial

"Hungarian Days" in April (Mr. Veress to attend)

Future prospects for bilateral trade?
Projects of interest to British firms, eg

- transit gas pipeline: Cooper Rolls
- HS146 for national airline (Malev):BAe
- aluminium plant modernisation: Davy

Build up trade in consumables.

Other

General METZAROSS (Defensive).

Regret. Cannot return remains because relative has refused permission.

Consular Convention (Defensive).

Difficulty lies in our system of registering death. Consult F/CO if problems.

Legal Convention (Defensive).

Your proposed agreements very difficult. Legal systems not compatible.