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**6-13 0080/15 M. Thatcher látogatásának angol értékelése – English evaluation of M. Thatcher's visit**

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The Deputy Head of the FCO's Eastern European Department told:

Both in the FCO and in the prime ministry *[e.g. prime ministerial Cabinet/circle]* they evaluate Thatcher's journey as successful, useful. Thatcher was given very good impressions in Budapest. Originally she did not depart with the intention "to break the ice between East and West", but it was proven that there is an opportunity for dialogue also in the given international atmosphere, if the parties honestly pursue this and they search for connection points.

They find it important that the first high-level step was made towards the renewal of Eastern-Western dialogue and the improvement of international atmosphere. Hungary was not chosen by chance: our internal situation, our economic results and our foreign policy civitas played an important role. They thought that they could negotiate with Hungarian leaders. They are happy that they were not disappointed. The visit convinced Thatcher that Hungary is not the same country as the one before 1956, or the one which is often described in the press.

The interest of the British press surprised also the FCO. They find the reaction *[original Hungarian "echoes"]* suitable, the tone objective. They receive many letters in which citizens offer their help to build British-Hungarian relations.

The act of permission of Oltyán's *[maybe László Oltyán, Transylvanian journalist, writer?]* passport they thank as a nice gesture.

They hope that *[it]* will manage to smooth the way between Hungary and the Common Market.

They expect [*original Hungarian "count with"*] the visit of Comrades Várkonyi and Lázár. They wait with interest the Hungarian economic days in London and the visit of Comrade Veress. They generally expect [*original Hungarian "count with"*] boost of the Hungarian-British relations.

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They think that the visit "did not open the gates" to East. They do not count on another, similar visit to the Hungarian one in the near future. Although the British government is ready for the dialogue, it takes into consideration the fact that Hungary's situation from several points of view differs from the one of other socialist countries, even though she is one of the firmest members of the Warsaw Pact. Thatcher has an invitation to Romania, but it will not be realised for a long time.

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**Shall see: Cr. Lajos Nagy**  
Forwarded: 07.30.

**I have seen:**

**I have taken action:**

*[Between "shall see" and "I have seen", next to the name of Lajos Nagy, his signature "2/9 Nagy", then on the right illegible signatures, the first maybe "Cr. Golub" the second illegible then under these the signature of Ábriné "Cr. Ábriné". Ábriné signed it twice with different pens, after her second signature there is '2/9']*