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**6-13 0080/23 Tájékoztatás adás a baráti nagyköveteknek Thatcher látogatásáról –
Giving information to friendly ambassadors on Thatcher's visit**

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I suitably informed the friendly ambassadors – in the frame of the usual monthly agreement *[original Hungarian "comparative meeting"]* – of Thatcher's visit to Hungary. They thanked very much the quick information giving, and on their parts they gave more than one remarkable piece of information.

The Bulgarian ambassador told that he talked to several left-wing Labour Party leaders, *[e.g.]* Silkin *[John Silkin?]*, D.Davies *[Denzil Davies? Davies' name is mistyped, the missing 'a' from his name is added by handwriting]*. They unfolded: with the visit Thatcher wanted to show that she is not the puppet of Reagan. On the Bulgarian part they think that Thatcher's intentions and statements have to be taken as honest and serious.

The Polish ambassador visited Luce, Foreign Minister of State and Birch, Head of Department. Both of them underlined in front of him *[this is not a Hungarian phrase, it sounds as if it was translated from English word for word]* that the visit was rather successful and first of all from the point of view of bilateral relations was rather useful. At the same time it gave opportunity for the prime minister to express her views on the importance of dialogue. They stressed that at the moment they do not plan a similar visit. Later – if the international situation develops suitably – Bulgaria, then Poland can be brought up *[original Hungarian "can be arrived in words" i.e. will be raised as suitable destinations]*.

The agent *[the "case-bringer", agent – not in the meaning of that of a spy]* of GDR was at Bullard and Birch. They told also to him the very successful arrangement of the visit, they underlined as the main achievement the improvement of bilateral economic and cultural relations. They pointed out that Thatcher travelled to Budapest for feeling her own responsibility, not for Reagan's exhortation. Her interest in the creation of a more relaxed atmosphere is real, true. The visit – in the long run – well-serves the further development of the wholeness of Eastern-Western relations. Bullard called the attention of the agent to believe only maximum fifty per cent of the British press' commentaries written of the visit.

The Soviet agent in his rather brief contribution said that there is no new momentum in Soviet-English relation. They did not agree either in Howe's visit to Moscow, or Gromyko's visit of here [*London*]. However, the Soviet-English mixed committee's meeting will take place in Moscow in May. The British delegation is led by Channon, Secretary of State for Trade.

The Romanian ambassador warmly congratulated on the success.

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