

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Foreign Minister Gyula Horn of Hungary

PARTICIPANTS: The President
James A. Baker, Secretary of State
John H. Sununu, Chief of Staff
Brent Scowcroft,
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Robert D. Blackwill, Special Assistant to the President for European and Soviet Affairs

Gyula Horn, Foreign Minister

DATE, TIME September 25, 1989, 8:15 - 8:20 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Grand Foyer, Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York

The President and Foreign Minister Horn met briefly during the President's reception for Heads of Delegation, Permanent Representatives and spouses, on the occasion of the 44th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President: I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to Hungary in July. Please pay my respects to your Government for its courageous handling of the East German refugee situation.

Foreign Minister Horn: Congratulations on your speech today. It was new in style and content, and very successful. I heard this from many delegations, and not just out of courtesy. I am also glad that what you said in Budapest has carried through.

The President: We are committed to the success of your reforms and want to help in every way we can.

Foreign Minister Horn: We do need help, although we know we have to rely on ourselves. We treasure your support and sympathy.

The President: We were impressed at the time of our visit and have been enormously impressed with your diplomacy since then.

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