

Budapest, Hungary

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Dear Mr. Áder:

Thank you for your letter of October 12. As you may know, I met with FIDESZ President Orbán immediately after my return from Washington. As I told Mr. Orbán, we are pleased with the excellent state of U.S.-Hungarian relations and with Hungary's steadfast support for the United States. I was delighted with Mr. Orbán's comments about the importance of good trans-Atlantic relations.

Members of my Embassy and I have worked hard to keep the channels of communication open to all political parties in Hungary. If we have succeeded in this regard, it reflects our refusal to be drawn into Hungarian domestic politics. We will strenuously make every effort to adhere to that policy as the election campaign progresses.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

George H. Walker
Ambassador

cc: Ildikó Lendvai, MSZP Parliament Faction