

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1997

The Honorable Donald Blinken
American Ambassador
Budapest

Dear Donald:

I have received your letter of September 29, 1997, and it is with regret that I accept your resignation as Ambassador to Hungary. America has been well represented during your tenure, and I thank you for all you've accomplished.

By advocating the democratic values and free market principles that have always made our nation strong, you have played a key role in promoting our economic and foreign policy objectives in Hungary. Your unwavering commitment both to advancing our interests and to assisting the government and people of Hungary has helped make that country the leading Central European destination for American investment. You have also played a pivotal role in securing and developing Hungary's support for our peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia, and in so doing helped create the framework for a more peaceful, more stable Europe. I salute you for the important role you have played in strengthening U.S. ties in the region and advancing Hungary's integration into the transatlantic community.

Along with my gratitude, I send my best wishes to you and Vera for every future success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton