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The Rt.Hon. David Miliband MP
United Kingdom Foreign Secretary
Foreign & Commonwealth Office
Whitehall
London W1

Dear Foreign Minister,

Vienna, 18th December 2008

My name is Judith Majlath, I am the sister of:

EVA RHODES, aged 65 A British Citizen, missing from her home near Győr,
in Hungary, since the 10TH September 2008

I have been in contact with of the Baltic & Central European Desk at the FCO
& the International Assistance Unit at the MET since September 18th, when I
reported her missing to the UK Embassy in Budapest.

I am in constant, almost daily touch with the Győr Police in Hungary, with
very little success, they are a very provincial Police force with limited
resources, I have also been going to Hungary frequently, weekly in fact, from
Vienna where I live, to talk to the Police, give statements etc. and search for
my sister. I have also employed searchers with trained dogs, at my own
expense.



I have begged the FCO & the MET, to send help from the UK in the search, but I understand all their hands are tied by the British Policy of non interference in a Foreign State's affairs & investigations, unless asked by that State for help.

However, I am sure you are aware of Mr Sarkozy attitude, over the well publicised disappearance of the French student Ophelie Bretnacher on 4th December in Budapest. The French Government as I'm sure you know have sent a team to Budapest to help the Hungarian Police.

I know for a fact that, it is not Hungarian policy to ask for help in such matters, therefore it is perfectly obvious to me, that Mr Sarkozy has simply imposed his wishes on Hungary as a matter of Political will. Why is it that the French can achieve these simple things that the British can not, or is it that the Foreign Office is just not willing to rock the boat, the British were once a World Power, respected from North to South, East to West and we are all now European Members, where is the co-operation?

Would it be too much to ask that the UK Government, took care of the needs of it's own citizens, in the same way, as the French?

I appreciate that you are a very busy man, but please I would very much like you to ask a senior member of your staff to look into my sister's disappearance, and to ascertain if it is in any way possible for your Office via the British Embassy in Budapest to put pressure on the Hungarians, to do more than just their very limited effort to find my sister Eva Rhodes.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Majlath

Director & project coordinator

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Political solutions cannot be replaced by humanitarian aid – both must go hand in hand !

We thank our partners for their cooperation and support:

