

PRIME MINISTER

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YOUR INTERVIEW WITH DANISH, SWEDISH AND NORWEGIAN TELEVISION

3.30pm MONDAY 21 JUNE

Format

This will be a 35 minute television interview with the 3 London-based correspondents from each country. The interview will be fed live by satellite for broadcast at 8.00pm (local time). It will be conducted entirely in English but will be broadcast with captions.

It is also likely to be seen in Finland and will be offered to Eurovision. Through the latter it will also be available to the US networks. It will also be carried by Swedish radio.

As this will be a fairly large production, similar to your recent Panorama interview (but with 3 rather than 2 interviewers), I have arranged for it to take place in No 12. I am presuming you will again wish to sit behind the Desk with the 3 interviewers in front of you. As it will be evening when the interview is broadcast and ^{to help} with lighting the curtains will be closed. You will therefore be seen against a predominantly green background.

A make-up lady, Miss Bronka Gordon from Finchley, who made you up for the recent America interviews will be present.

Interviewers

Claus Toksvig (Danish TV). He will act as chairman. Former President of the Foreign Press Association in London. He is about to leave Danish TV but will be remaining in London. Speaks excellent English.

Sune Kempe (Swedish TV). He has been here approximately 3 years and is about to return to Sweden at the end of his assignment. English very good.

Ole Kristen Harborg (Norwegian TV). He has also been in London approximately 3 years and is about to return home on completion of his assignment. English adequate.

Content

As chairman, Klaus Toksvig will make a short introduction to the programme. They will then move into questions about the Falklands covering our use of the military option, loss of life, the principles at stake and the future - development, fortress Falklands, Argentine involvement, Antarctica. Questions might also touch on other potential trouble spots like Gibraltar, Hong Kong and Brunei.

They will then move on to the international implications and particularly our role in NATO.

The final part of the programme will deal with the Common Market, the world economy and the British domestic scene.

Briefing

Attached, including telegrams from each of our Posts. Since the interview may be shown on Finish television it would be helpful to use the term 'Nordic' which includes Finland (Scandinavian does not).

Objectives

- to thank Norway and Denmark for their support over the Falklands whilst at the same time not overlooking the support given by Sweden and Finland who were as helpful as their neutral status permitted;
- to re-state the principles involved and to outline our thinking for the future of the Falklands;
- to re-state our commitment to NATO and in particular our commitment to reinforcement of the Northern Flank;
- to re-state our commitment to disarmament (UNSSD II and "peace in freedom");
- to put over our views on the Community to Denmark;
- to look forward to Danish Presidency of the Community and to visit Copenhagen in December for the European Council.
- and generally to repair our relative neglect of this part of the world.

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18 June 1982

PRIME MINISTER

SCANDINAVIAN TELEVISION

Flag A You agreed if possible to give a
30 minute joint television interview
next week to Danish, Swedish and
Norwegian television.

Before your visit to New York was
re-arranged for next week we had
pencilled in the interview for 3.30-4.30
on Monday 21 June.

Caroline says the interview can
still go ahead at that time if you are
content.

Content?

Yes not

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15 June 1982

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PRIME MINISTER

SCANDINAVIAN TV

You have done a great deal of media work recently, but I would like you to consider one further request from Scandinavia, which I put to you with strong support from the FCO.

Claus Toksvig, the Chairman of the Foreign Press Association, is leaving Danish TV shortly and some of his resident Scandinavian colleagues are returning home after a stint in London. They are Sune Kempe, Swedish TV, and Ole Kristen Harborg of Norwegian TV.

They have got together to request a 30 minute interview, shared between them, which would go out simultaneously in English (with captions) in prime time in Norway, Sweden and Denmark to a population of 24 million.

It would also be offered to Finland. They would agree the line of questioning in advance but would obviously cover immediate issues, including the Falklands.

This would give you an opportunity to thank Norway and Denmark for their support over the Falklands; to explain our case; to put over our EC point of view in Denmark; and generally to repair our relative neglect of this part of the world.

It would be possible to do it early in the week after next (see attached diary).

Agree in principle?

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B. INGHAM

11 June 1982

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10 DOWNING STREET

15 June 1982

Dear Gordon,

INTERVIEW BY THE PRIME MINISTER
FOR SCANDINAVIAN TELEVISION

We spoke last week about the possibility that the Prime Minister might give a joint television interview for Danish, Swedish and Norwegian television. After consulting the Department, you supported this proposal.

The Prime Minister has now agreed to give a 30 minute interview which will be recorded during the afternoon of Monday 21 June for broadcast later that evening. The interviewers will be Claus Toksvig (Danish TV), Sune Kempe (Swedish TV) and Ole Kristen Harborg (Norwegian TV). The interview would be recorded entirely in English but would be broadcast with captions. It would be seen in Denmark and Sweden at 8 pm local time and probably at the same time in Norway. It would also be offered to Finland, Eurovision and the rest of the world.

I have had a preliminary discussion with Claus Toksvig. It is most likely that the interview will concentrate on the Falklands and in particular how the Prime Minister sees the future. It will go on to deal with British/Scandinavian relations, NATO (in particular the defence of NATO's North-Western flank - there could be Falklands implications on this point) and UK domestic issues (the economy and an early election). There may be one or two questions concerning the Community but as this would only be of interest to Denmark, the interview would only touch very briefly on this subject. I expect to receive from Claus Toksvig on Thursday a full rundown on the line of questions he and his colleagues intend to pursue.

We see this interview as an opportunity to thank Norway and Denmark for their support over the Falklands; to explain our case and outline our thoughts for the future; to put over our Community point of view in Denmark; and generally to repair our relative neglect of this part of the world.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the arrangements for the interview and to alert you to a requirement we will have for briefing material. As soon as I receive on Thursday the full line

of questions I will pass it to you. We will then require briefing, in the form of points to make, by mid-afternoon Friday. In the meantime you may also wish to inform the Posts concerned of this interview in order that they might have an opportunity to let us have by telegram, no later than mid-afternoon*, any comments or points they might wish the Prime Minister to bear in mind.

*Friday

*Yours
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