

PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH 'DIE WELT'

I attach a list of questions which Dr Barzel wishes to put to the Prime Minister at his interview next Monday, 17 March.

- 2. I have told our Embassy in Bonn that the order Dr Barzel suggests is not very satisfactory and that we will wish to restructure the questions. In some cases the questions may only irritate the Prime Minister and should be rephrased (eg Question 1 on being a woman Prime Minister and Questions 23 and 24).
- 3. The Embassy say that Dr Barzel is willing to be flexible about his questions and I suggest a format along the following lines:
 - i Starting off with a general question on the Prime Minister's political philosophy and the main aims of the Government;
 - Relations with Europe, including the Budget, the US/EC relationship etc;
 - iii East-West relations, including the Olympics, Iron Lady etc. Perhaps touching briefly on the United Nations;
 - iv Rhodesia;
 - v Anglo/German bilateral relations, including Berlin, BAOR etc;
 - vi The British economy, inflation, unemployment, relations with the trade unions, steel strike etc;
 - vii Personal/career philosophy etc;
 - viii Final question on Government's achievements so far and what it hopes to tackle in the future.
- 4. I told our Embassy in Bonn that I would let them have our comments on these questions as soon as possible. But before I do so, I would be grateful to know that you agree with the revised structure above.

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, 10 March 1980.