PME MINISTER

JIMMY YOUNG PROGRAMME

You have agreed to do this programme from 11-11.30 am tomorrow at Broadcasting House. This is Jimmy Young's first week back after a holiday in Florida.

The whole of the 30 minutes, with possibly a break for a record, will be devoted to your interview and he will inevitably concentrate on the Falklands. You will not need any briefing on this.

The programme is aware that your time is constrained: that you are unlikely to arrive much before 11.00am; and that you must leave very soon after 11.30am.

As we discussed, I have ruled out the presence/in the studio, or just outside it. I have also said that you do not want TV cameras in the room outside the studio. You would however not take exception to the presence of a BBC photographer.

I fear that both BBC and ITN will try to catch you on the doorstep of Broadcasting House even though I have said you will not give interviews. I am asking the detectives to try to ensure that you are not troubled.

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PS: I attach a transcript of Jimmy Young's interview with Robert

Muldoon which took place on Monday. You will see that Mr Muldoon
was extremely supportive of your policy concerning the Falklands.

PRIME MINISTER

You have agreed to give an interview to Jimmy Young on the morning of Wednesday May 19. It is a very busy day for you for, quite apart from the Falklands, you have talks with Mr Muldoon before the JY Programme and lunch for Mr Mugabe afterwards.

I have given no hint to Jimmy Young that you will not be available, though the programme must, of course, accept that all options must be kept open if the Falkland Islands continue to run.

I shall proceed on the basis that you will undertake this engagement.

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One problem however flows from all this. You will recall that when the crisis hit us you felt obliged to cancel a long arranged interview with Peter Allen, Political Editor of IRN, who had intended to do a networked 15 minutes interview with you. IRN took this disappointment very well but they would naturally hope to get the next interview with you. We do try to play fair and I think it would be most helpful to you in the longer run if you could agree to give Mr Allen 15 minutes some time this week, and possibly just before lunch on Friday. We could bring Mr Allen in at fairly short notice.

Content for me to try to organise with Caroline, subject to the diary and events?

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