

PRIME MINISTER

Your Interview for Australian Television:

Wednesday, 23 September, 11.00 a.m.

1. You have agreed to give a 25-minute interview for the top-rated Australian current affairs television programme "60 Minutes". It is broadcast on Channel 7 (the commercial network owned by Kerry Packer) on Sunday evenings and seen by over four million people.
2. The programme covers two or three different issues, each presented by one of the programme's three correspondents.
3. You will be interviewed by George Negus (biography at Annex 2) who is described as "a hard hitting social democrat". His producer, Warren McStoker, has accompanied him to London.
4. The interview will be developed around the following topics:-
 - (a) CHOGM;
 - (b) Anglo/Australian relations;
 - (c) British domestic issues;
 - (d) your political philosophy.

Likely questions are at Annex 3.

5. Objectives. The interview will be seen in Australia two days before you arrive; apart from being seen by a large audience, it is likely to be widely reported in the Australian press. I suggest you use the interview to demonstrate:-

- Britain's commitment to the Commonwealth and the importance of the Commonwealth in an interdependent world;
- your hope that CHOGM will be a positive occasion providing a valuable exchange of views on world issues (and not dominated by controversy);

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- the continuing strong links between Britain and Australia and your desire that these be maintained;
- that you are a sympathetic person leading a caring Government while doing what is necessary to make the country strong again.

6. Mechanics. The interview is in your diary for 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday. I suggest it take place in the White Drawing Room. It will be preceded by a briefing session; Channel 7 will provide a make-up person.

B. INGHAM

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