



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

ITN TOMORROW

I have had a word with Glyn Mathias who is to interview you tomorrow at 4.30.

He will wish to concentrate on the Falklands, the prospects for the next few weeks, the impact of the crisis on the political situation, and its effect on public spending and the economic situation.

He is thinking of 8-10 minutes and will record, as agreed, in my office. They propose to put part of the interview on the 5.45pm news and run it in full at 10pm.

This will be your first broadcast outside the House since the crisis and it puts ITN in a privileged position because of our long-standing arrangement with them for April 5.

I would be happier in the circumstances if afterwards you gave BBC a shorter TV interview for news purposes of up to 4 minutes. Agree?

*Robinson 4/4*

*Yes no*

PRIME MINISTER



ITN INTERVIEW

You are due to give an interview to Glyn Mathias of ITN on Monday at 4.30 pm.

You have a very full day quite apart from the Falkland Islands situation. Do you still want to go ahead, bearing in mind that ITN are now all the more interested in the interview and have put the Falkland Islands issue at the top of their list?

Another factor is that ITN will be able to claim an exclusive interview with you on the subject although we would of course be able to say that this was arranged a long time ago.

*IT has already  
been announced  
MS*

HUGH COLVER  
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