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PRIME MINISTER

JOHN THOMPSON, EDITOR, SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

You agreed to see John Thompson, Editor, Sunday Telegraph, months ago - the first background chat with him since you took office.

The date has proved difficult to fix and has been twice postponed. Fortunately, when we found we had to cancel last Friday Mr Thompson welcomed the new time - for an hour from 4.00pm tomorrow, August 4.

The first occasion, July 7, had to go by the board because of the Italian bilateral in Rome.

There is nothing special about tomorrow's talk, except that, of course, John Thompson and the Sunday Telegraph are good friends with some helpful writers in, for example, Ivan Rowan, Ivan Fallon, Peregrine Worsthorne, Gordon Brook-Shepherd and Mary Kenny.

We get a good service out of their relatively new political correspondent, George Jones.

Mr Thompson is likely to be most interested in how you feel post-Falklands and at the beginning of the Recess and how you view the year ahead:

- economy, unemployment, inflation;
- pay negotiations;
- law and order;
- Northern Ireland;
- EC; and
- possibly UK/EC/USA trade relations - pipeline, steel.

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I shall accompany Mr Thompson.

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