

PRIME MINISTER

Media tomorrow

Strenuous efforts will be made tomorrow to try to get a comment from you about the progress made with the final assault on Port Stanley - and conceivably to involve you in the argument over the release of casualty figures from last Tuesday's engagement.

The Home Secretary has arranged to give an interview to BBC Radio World This Weekend from Dorneywood tomorrow. Gordon Clough has however asked whether you would be prepared to record an interview if, as he puts it, we are in sight of victory or have achieved it.

Subject to a sudden capitulation, I do not believe you should offer an interview tomorrow. Instead I think you should save yourself for final victory when you will no doubt wish to make a statement to the House embracing the military successes, the efforts to secure a total ceasefire and looking forward to a better future for the Islands.

Content? I will check with the Garden Rooms overnight. *Yes*

The timing of events may of course mean that you will be in New York rather than London and therefore unable to make a statement first to the House. But we can play that by ear.

Finally, I am sure that when you return to No.10 tomorrow you should go by the front door. I am told you left today by the back door; as a result I fear there will be some adverse media comment. *(to go to Dorneywood)*

I shall have a Press Officer at No.10 to cover your return tomorrow and journalists will be kept behind barriers. There is absolutely no reason why you should make any comment on your return if you do not want to do so or if it is undesirable to do so.

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But I am absolutely clear you should use the front door.

I shall be available all day to discuss if you wish and the switchboard will know where to find me when I have to be away from home.

B INGHAM

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