

PRIME MINISTER

"Panorama"

I spoke to Peter Weil, producer, today and confirmed the following points:

- unless something really big happens internationally - e.g. Tito's death - the programme will be home economics; he was, however, receptive to the idea that this might include the Eurobudget;
- Robin Day has not yet decided the structure of his approach and is unlikely to do so before Monday; I shall be talking to Mr. Weil on Monday when I am promised more about structure, topics and, most important, the opening gambit;
- industrial topics to be raised include BSC, BL and picketing from the point of view of events and proposed changes in the law;
- economic topics will cover the inflation rate, public spending and pay strategy;
- in practice, Panorama's intention is to cover much of the same ground as that with Mr. Callaghan last week (see Annex I); as you will see, this moved through picketing; the role of law in industrial relations; steel dispute and self financing pay settlements; British Leyland and its future; inflation and the Government's strategy; the obligatory belt at monetarism; public spending; and incomes policy;

- the interview is to be relayed to Lobby  
journalists, including Press Association,  
as it is recorded;
- a transcript will be made available on  
Tuesday or Wednesday.

Finally, I think I should add to the list sent to you earlier of awkward questions designed to help your mind focus on the interview a few on leadership, control of Government. These are at Annex II.



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A Treasury note on the Budget and other economic  
policy issues is also attached at Flag A

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