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PRIME MINISTER

'Woman's Own' want to mark your first anniversary with a special feature, including photographs taken by Srdja Djukanovic. As part of the project they are now seeking an interview with you about how and where you like to relax; the surroundings you feel most comfortable in; your attitude to interior design and furnishings; and the precious or sentimental pieces you like to have around you. In other words, as they say, "a fairly soft but illuminating feature".

2. You have consistently resisted giving personal interviews as Prime Minister and you may wish to maintain your stance. But you have just agreed with Mr Ingham to have a session with the editors of IPC's women's magazines, of which 'Woman's Own' is one (Caroline Stephens may be able to arrange this lunch for shortly after Easter); and you may think your anniversary does provide an opportunity to give a personal interview and project yourself through an apolitical platform. If so, 'Woman's Own' would be a fair choice.

3. There is one inevitable snag: you would need to see 'Woman's Own' within the next fortnight because of the deadline for their 3 May issue. Caroline reports, however, that she could just squeeze in 30 minutes on Monday 24 March (diary attached).

4. Given all the circumstances:

i Do you wish to give a personal interview - possibly widening the subjects for discussion to embrace life at No 10 as a whole - to 'Woman's Own'? Yes.

ii Are you willing to offer them 30 minutes on Monday 24 March? Yes

11.30 am
24 Mar

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NEVILLE GAFFIN
7 March 1980.

NB: 1. Told Caroline
2. Told WO.
3 WO to supply Q + answer interview