

PRIME MINISTER

DAILY EXPRESS

You have agreed to give George Gale, D/Express, an on-the-record interview tomorrow for publication next week. Mr Gale will tape-record so that he can conduct a sensible discussion.

He wants to do a quick canter over the topical stuff - Palace, Security, IRA - recognising that you will probably not be able to say much on security.

Then he would like to look back over the Falklands campaign and its effects on the economy and politics.

Then, to get to the meat of his interview, he would like to look at:

- (i) economics, including the latest CBI demands for reflation; and
- (ii) the sort of future policies you are likely to aim for, building on the recent philosophical speech by the Chancellor (attached).

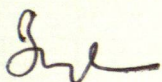
In short, George Gale wants to do a tour d'horizon but weighted towards the sort of society you are trying to create and the appeal you are hoping to make at the next General Election (which he says it is reasonable to assume you will win).

This is thus an opportunity to get over through a friendly medium some of your philosophy and vision.

Could I add that it is also a useful opportunity to canvass ideas about renewing values in our society - in the home and family and at school?

George Gale will bring with him John Downing, a photographer who travelled with you on the Middle East/India trip. He would like to do a picture in the garden if it is fine.

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