

PRIME MINISTER

cc. Miss Stephens

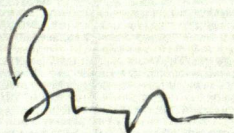
Granada

You have agreed to give Granada a 26-minute straight face-to-face interview for its late night "Reports Politics" programme on Monday, April 14. The interviewer will be Gordon Burns, who has interviewed you previously. David Kemp, who was to have been the producer (and who persuaded you at the CCO Christmas Party to take on this engagement) has been diverted to another programme and Mr. Jim Walker will take his place.

2. I have alerted Granada to the fact that economic illusions and realities will be very much in your mind at that time and Mr. Walker confirms that they have it in mind to ask a number of questions about economic policy.

3. In the meantime, he is anxious to record the programme before lunch rather than afterwards for safety's sake. You have a lunch outside No. 10 but you could record between, say, 11.45 and 12.45 and use the time set aside in the afternoon of the broadcast to prepare for your British Press Awards Speech. You had arranged to do this before lunch. We shall, of course, release a transcript in good time for the next morning's papers.


4. Do you agree to record the broadcast just before lunch? -



B. INGHAM

31 March, 1980

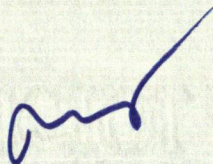
Gordon knows this programme very well. I am quite concerned that David Kemp is no longer doing it. What arrangements are they making about the press and what else is on that evening (ITV & BBC).

D. R.

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Your Granada TV Interview: Monday 14 April

You will wish to know that David Kemp has "re-introduced" himself into this and will be very much in evidence next Monday.

ANDY WOOD
Press Office
Tuesday 8 April



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GRANADA "REPORTS POLITICS" INTERVIEW: MONDAY 14 APRIL

Granada Television have now identified the areas they would like to cover in this interview. They are:

- (1) The economy - and the effect of the Budget
- (2) Inflation - and increase in the rate over the last year.
- (3) Prescription charges - taxing the sick?
- (4) The Common Market billion - do we pay out in the end or can there be an alternative way out?
- (5) The Olympics - the polls say the British public wants our athletes to go.
- (6) Nuclear power - what hope is there for the two AGR reactors at Heysham and Torness.

I think it is a good bet that they will also want to talk about the world scene (Iran) and the race relations scene in Britain (following Bristol). They have promised to come to us with any late thoughts. Granada will be providing the parliamentary Lobby journalists with full transcripts of the interview, under embargo, by early evening - in any case not later than 1930 that same night.

ANDY WOOD
Press Office

9 April 1980

P.S.

N.J.S. has advised up briefing for
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in the my tan - para. Tim L. will be asked
look after 9. 1 + 2.