

1. MR FLESHER 25/8
2. PRIME MINISTER

SCOTLAND VISIT - MEDIA

You may wish to have this note on the media arrangements, as they now stand.

Glasgow, 1 September

(now taking place at airport)

You will drive from the airport straight to the BBC Studio for an interview with James Cox: his principal areas of questions will be on unemployment generally and in Scotland, and on defence - particularly the decision to base the Trident missile on the Clyde.

If BBC radio wish to interview you, I shall offer them three minutes on the way out.

Next you drive to the Scottish TV Studio for an interview with Colin Mackay mainly on the economy and with particular emphasis on Scotland. Again I shall offer a brief interview to independent radio if they request it.

Finally you drive to the Holiday Inn for the CBI reception and dinner. Mr James Goold will chair a 20 minute press conference for Scottish industrial journalists. They will be invited to ask questions on what you have learnt from your earlier conversations with Scottish businessmen. But inevitably the questions will range wider. Private Office will prepare briefing on the latest issues.

I have suggested to the CBI that they arrange a separate photocall so that we can exclude cameras from the conference. I have also asked them to restrict the occasion to reporting and not recording.

Forfar and Aberdeen, 2 September

We have allowed ten minutes for you to see the Press, well away from any demonstrations, at the end of the factory visit where you will want to say a few words about Don Bros, Buist. We shall try to impress on the journalists your reluctance to answer questions on national, as opposed to local, issues: but, as you know, we cannot insure against this entirely. Cameras will be allowed in to record your remarks. But there will be no interviews.

We shall doubtless have requests from local Aberdeen radio stations for a few words after your tour of the university. There will be an opportunity to do so, if you want to, as you leave King's College Chapel.

As you know, there are likely to be demonstrations (possibly including "bussing" of groups) wherever you go. There is some advantage in helping the media obtain as much material as possible away from the demonstrations.

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