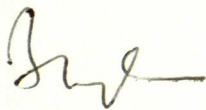


PRIME MINISTER

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Please see my attached minute on Gordon Brook-Shepherd whom you are down to see on Wednesday. You raised the question about having to attend Michael Roberts' funeral. Caroline tells me you should be back in time. Content to go ahead on the proposed basis?



B. INGHAM

14 February 1983

Yes - but  
Should prefer to have some  
time for  
briefing. not

hinda - re ask it. Brook-Shepherd today  
if he could let me have by close of play  
thought a lot of questions he would  
like answered on the record?



Mr. Lynton  
please discuss.  
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PRIME MINISTER

Gordon Brook-Shepherd, Sunday Telegraph

The above, strongly supportive writer, is coming to see you for an hour on Wednesday afternoon, from 4.30. This was originally arranged for a background chat but Mr. Brook-Shepherd has telephoned me this weekend to say that he would like to have at least part of the interview on the record, especially as you are now the longest continuously serving leader in the West.

He would like to talk on the record "for example" on how you faced foreign issues at the outset of your premiership; how you have developed your handling of them in office; and how you feel about your now being the most experienced western leader.

He says this is an opportunity to bring out your world leader role which has often been over-looked in all our pre-occupation with domestic issues.

I would normally be resistant to change the terms of the interview at this stage, but Mr. Brook-Shepherd is very reliable and wants to help you and I see some advantage in what he intends to do with the interview. Moreover, I see no need for additional preparation.

Content to proceed as Mr. Brook-Shepherd suggests, subject to my agreeing afterwards on the quotable material?

There is a change in

13 February 1983

BERNARD INGHAM

Wednesday's programme.  
I have to attend Richard Roberts funeral service in Carlisle collected at 12 noon. May not be back by 4.30p -