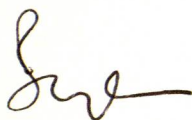


MR GOW

Reference Adam Butler's suggestion that the Prime Minister might appear on Radio Leicester. I have checked and found that they did not interview her in the Midlands last week or even ask for accreditation.

In principle, I see not the slightest objection to the Prime Minister appearing on local radio provided we can control the interview and ensure they don't ask local questions of which the Prime Minister has no knowledge. That is always the difficulty.

To give Adam Butler a positive response you might say - Yes, agree in principle, she might give an interview if this were possible when she is in the area. We shall bear them in mind for the future and also of course for the election. However Radio Leicester did not seek an interview or accreditation when the Prime Minister was in the Midlands last Friday. And the Prime Minister has regularly given IRN interviews (Radio Leicester is BBC) which have been networked in the area.



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