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From the Press Secretary

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Jim Young

From what I hear, my message to you yesterday got rather garbled.

On the Jimmy Young Programme, my point was that CCO should seek to make absolutely sure that this appearance by the Prime Minister was not treated as her election appearance; and that balancing appearances by Foot, Steel, Jenkins etc should follow quickly and not be left to near the end of the campaign.

On Panorama and TV Eye, my point was that the Prime Minister felt she could properly - and without penalty - turn down those opportunities now and rely on news. But she would expect - as indeed the programmes are planning for this - for her to appear on them nearer the election. I have told both some time ago that I was sure that the Prime Minister would expect to appear last in any series of interviews with party leaders.

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