

cc Sir John Eden

PRIME MINISTER

GOODYEAR "BLIMP" - ELECTION NIGHT

I have spoken to Lord Cockfield and also to the Chief Whip.

To authorise the Goodyear Blimp would require a Statutory Order which would be a most unusual procedure when Parliament is not sitting and would normally only be invoked in cases of the most urgent national necessity.

In addition to that, the Statutory Instruments would have to satisfy the message to be used.

This has been made clear to David Nicholas, Editor of ITN, who has also spoken to Bernard Ingham, and he accepts that there is nothing more to be done.

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