



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Press Secretary

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Jim

TIME MAGAZINE

Time is preparing a cover page feature on the election for which copy closes on the evening of June 10.

They have no doubt at this stage that the Prime Minister is going to win. Their story is being written on that basis.

What Bonnie Angelo, UK Bureau Chief, would like is 30 minutes with the Prime Minister on the campaign bus, or wherever, to talk to her on these lines:

- you are the longest continuously serving Head of State/ Government in the West;
- others like Carter, Giscard, Schmidt, Suzuki have all bitten the dust;
- you have just returned from Williamsburg where you were clearly a key figure;
- the EC has postponed the Stuttgart Summit on account of your election campaign, further underlining your importance to the European scheme of things;
- you occupy a pivotal point in E/W and European/USA relations;
- how do you intend to handle the next five years in intra-Alliance and E/W European/USA relations?

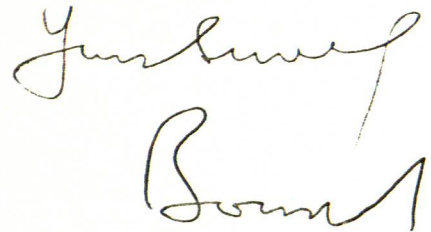
In an ideal world the Prime Minister ought to see Miss Angelo on June 10. But Bonnie Angelo is very wary of leaving it until then.

Do you think there is any possibility of feeding Miss Angelo into the Prime Minister's diary over the next fortnight to talk on the lines set out above?

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There is no doubt Time intend to give the Prime Minister a big show, on the assumption she wins.

Perhaps you might agree that if everything goes wrong, the text of the interview would not be submitted Friday night?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bernard Ingham', written in dark ink.

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