

PRIME MINISTER

TIME MAGAZINE

I wonder if I could resolve an issue which has arisen over a request by Bonnie Angelo, of Time, in connection with a cover piece on the General Election they are doing for the week beginning June 13.

Her closing day for copy is Friday, June 10.

She has written 3,000 words already on the confident assumption that you will be re-elected.

I know you do not wish to count chickens before they are hatched. But you do want to present yourself in the most favourable light to American opinion, especially as in any second term you secure you will be an elder statesman and wield considerable influence in the world.

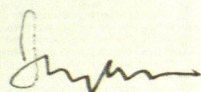
Tony Shrimmsley, in a letter copied to me, felt it was right to get Mrs Angelo alongside you on the campaign trail provided Time would agree to use the interview only if you won.

Derek Howe, I understand, takes the view you should concentrate on the British media at this stage and I appreciate why. I am also concerned lest an interview given in anticipation of success were to go wrong.

But I do think it would be to your advantage to give Mrs Angelo an interview on the Friday when you have (I hope) a favourable result. I could contain this to 15-20 minutes.

Moreover, such an interview need not conflict with your undertaking to give Daily Express the first major post-election interview.

Agree to see Mrs Angelo for 15 minutes when you know the result on Friday?



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*Lynda - plump Bonnie
Angelo says I've tried
but the PM says I won't
be able to give interview
on Friday.*

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*No. - not
enough time.
BI told 4/6.*