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Mr Allen Wallis rang me this afternoon in Sir Robert Armstrong's absence to say that the Prime Minister's interview for American television had gone down extremely well in Washington. Mr Wallis said that although the Prime Minister had only had a few minutes of breakfast time television, a particularly difficult slot, she had performed superbly. What was more, from the American point of view, what she had said about the London Economic Summit had been "right on" and just what they had wanted to hear. Mr Wallis commented that had she been running she would have certainly been elected President.

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