

PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr Wicks
Mr Powell
Sir R. Armstrong
Mr Meyer
Mr Culpin

PRESS CONFERENCE; RADIO AND TV

You have agreed to give radio and television interviews from 3.00-3.40 p.m. and a press conference at 4.30 p.m., or as soon after the ending of the reading of the Summit Declaration as is possible.

The attached speaking note serves for both radio and TV interviews and the press conference.

MECHANICS

Radio and TV

These interviews will be given in the broadcasting area of Floor 16 of the hotel's main tower (your detectives know the way).

If possible you should do 5 radio and TV interviews of roughly 4 minutes each:-

BBC TV	-	Brian Barron
BBC Radio	-	Dominic Harrod
ITN	-	Michael Brunson
IRN	-	James Garner
BBC External Services	-	William Horsley (BBC Tokyo correspondent)

All these interviews will be embargoed until 4.30 p.m. Tokyo time - i.e. 8.30 a.m. London time. This means however that you will catch the BBC Radio 4 "Today" programme and Breakfast TV.

If you cannot get all 5 interviews done in the time available I suggest you sweep up those outstanding after the press conference.

I am afraid there is no make-up girl available.

Press Conference

This will be held in the UK press briefing room in the Press Centre. There is an office adjacent which you could use for briefing though it is not secure. In any case you probably will not need a briefing since you will have done radio and TV interviews earlier.

The Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor will join you on the platform. I will preside and close the press conference after some 30 minutes or at 5.30 p.m. so that you can get to your bilateral with Mr Nakasone.

NB. Your bilateral with Mr Nakasone is being closely watched at home on account of Japanese protectionism and whisky and I shall need to brief positively afterwards. You may well be asked about these talks at your press conference.7

Presentation

This is perhaps the most successful Summit you have ever had. It comes usefully before the by-elections on Thursday. Already you have had a very good press at home but your domestic audience has not seen you selling your successes on terrorism, Chernobyl, trade/protectionism or the Summit's reaffirmation of the thrust of the 7 nations' economic policies which closely follow Thatcher's virtues.

The media are notorious however for trying to take the shine off things and you need to be aware of the following downsides:

Political Worries

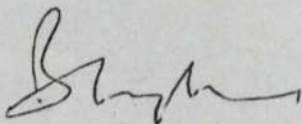
On your own back-benches about nuclear power (on which Kinnock is playing)

Reagan's poodle (will the terrorism statement prevent a further military strike? What does the statement add up to? What for example are you going to do in the light of the Declaration? - I have instanced extradition law).

Farming lobby (agricultural surpluses)

[redacted] (and do you think the yen has reached its right level?)

We shall keep in touch with events at home, including interest in possible Syrian expulsions (on which we are not commenting). This note is written before we have to hand the digest of today's papers in London.



Bernard Ingham

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