


MR. INGHAM

1. John Wilkinson MP (Ruislip-Northwood), who is Chairman of the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society has suggested that the Prime Minister might appear on the Sunday morning programme (7.15 a.m.) which is designed specially for Asian listeners - "Make Yourself at Home".
2. I wonder if you would care to consider this.



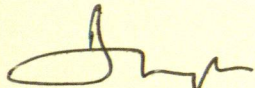
12th May, 1981

IAN GOW

c.c. Derek Howe, Esq.

Mr Gow

Yes, we will consider it, but I cannot see the opportunity at present. The Prime Minister is rather concerned about the load I am putting on him.

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12th May, 1981

You were kind enough to send to me the extract of a speech which you made at the inaugural meeting of the Bradford Branch of the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society, on 27th February.

If I may say so, it was an excellent speech.

As you will know, the Prime Minister and Denis Thatcher did visit the Indian High Commission, before her visit to India last month.

I have passed on to Bernard Ingham your suggestion that the Prime Minister might appear on the "Make Yourself at Home" programme on a Sunday morning.

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From: JOHN WILKINSON, M.P.
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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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27 February 1981

Dear Ian,

I wonder whether I can bring through you three points to the attention of the Prime Minister or to the attention of those who control her activities and programme.

First of all, I am sure that the Prime Minister would wish to call on the new Indian High Commissioner before she goes out to India but I have heard that if she could find time to do this at a reasonably early date, it would be enormously appreciated.

Secondly, as you well know, the Labour Party has been seeking to make political capital out of the BRITISH NATIONALITY BILL. I do not believe that their campaign is justified since the Government has shown its willingness to accept amendments to try to ensure that the Bill when enacted is fair and will stand the test of time. I enclose just for your own reference a copy of a press release on this very subject which is from a speech I am making in Bradford tonight on the occasion of the inauguration of the Bradford Branch of the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society. I feel that we have to go onto the offensive on this issue and if the Prime Minister could say a word or two about the BRITISH NATIONALITY BILL during her speech to the Central Council of the National Union in Cardiff, I am sure that this would allay fears and spike the Socialists' guns.

Finally I gather that the Prime Minister has met personally Mahendra Kaul, the Asian Minority BBC broadcaster when he came to No. 10 as a guest at one of the Prime Minister's recent receptions. As you know the Asian TV programme on a Sunday morning on the BBC is very influential among the Asians settled here and it might be worth your while finding out if Bernard Ingham could arrange with Mr. Kaul for the Prime Minister personally to appear on that programme if she felt it was worthwhile. I am sure myself that it could only be good for our Party politically.

Yours ever,

John

JOHN WILKINSON

With best wishes,

Ian Gow Esq., M.P.