

cc: B/VP

PRIME MINISTER

You are to give an interview to Nigel Hawthorne - Sir Humphrey of "Yes, Prime Minister" - tomorrow morning for BBC Radio 4's "Down Your Way." The interview will take about 30 minutes and will be broadcast early in September.

The new format of "Down Your Way" is for a different personality to present the programme each week and interview people of his or her choice. Nigel Hawthorne has chosen Downing Street/Whitehall for his programme. He has already approached Robin Butler to take part and no doubt will be asking the Chancellor for an interview for this programme.

The interview with you will be lighthearted and Nigel Hawthorne will ask you about life at No 10, interesting people entertained and whether you are disturbed by demonstrations etc.

The BBC wish to take a photograph of you with Nigel Hawthorne for use in Radio Times. They will take a separate shot of him standing outside No.10 with a microphone.

Nigel Hawthorne is at present appearing at the Aldwych in Tom Stoppard's new play "Hapgood" with Felicity Kendal.

Content for the photograph to be taken in the White Room? Yes

Content for the interview to take place in the White room? Yes

T.J.P.

Terry J Perks
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