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PRIME MINISTER

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BBC INTERVIEW ABOUT LORD WHITELAW

You have agreed to give an interview to BBC TV on Tuesday for the profile they are producing on Lord Whitelaw to coincide with the forthcoming publication of his memoirs. The programme will be transmitted on Wednesday.

The programme will consist of lengthy interviews with Lord Whitelaw with library footage of his political career. No one else, except you, will be interviewed in the programme.

The interviewer will be Michael Cockerell and the questions areas he will cover are:

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- The nature of the relationship between you and Lord Whitelaw
- How it developed over the years
- The importance of the role he played in Government
- Description of Lord Whitelaw's 'unique qualities' mentioned in your letter to him on his retirement
- How much of a gap his departure may have left
- An assessment of his contribution to the work of Government

Attached are Lord Whitelaw's letter of resignation and your reply.

A make-up girl will be available.

Content for interview to take place in the White Room?

T.J.P.

Terry J Perks
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