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PRIME MINISTER

KELVIN MACKENZIE, SUN

You are to see Kelvin Mackenzie, Editor of the Sun, for a chat on Monday (11-12). I will accompany him.

Mr Mackenzie is of course one of your strongest supporters in his leader column. He also brings a distinctive style as to his purpose in coming to see you.

This morning I offered him the option of an on the record or background chat. To my astonishment he opted for background saying:

- (i) he didn't want to do an interview as such at this stage; he preferred the dust to settle
- (ii) instead he wanted to range over issues you wanted to talk about in a relaxed way so that he could get a better understanding of how you see things;
- (iii) but what he really would like is to talk about was how you keep fit. He contrasted his expanding girth at 43 with your looking so good at 64. How do you put in an 18-hour day, keep fit, eat, exercise etc? This he said is what his readers want to know - to get some idea of the kind of typical day or week and your food, exercise and health care regimen. Once the dust had settled in the New Year he would like to do a piece based on this conversation.

I said that in these circumstances I was sure you would agree to talk on background terms except where he wanted to pursue your lifestyle which could be on the record.

Content?

Yes not

AP Allan
BERNARD INGHAM
November 3, 1989

Ann:
I have a word
with Amanda -
has she any tips
around?



NOVEMBER 6
11am ✓

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A return paper to me
Anne.
Thanks

29th October, 1989

FROM THE EDITOR

Mr. Bernard Ingham,
Press Secretary,
10 Downing Street,
London, SW1A 2AA.

Dear Bernard,

Obviously I would be delighted to see the Prime Minister at any time, but I would have thought that at 11 a.m. on a Monday morning she would have rather more interesting things to do than to chat with me.

I was just wondering whether 6 or 7 p.m. at night when at least some of the Prime Minister's work was behind her, would fit into her schedule more easily?

Yours sincerely,

KELVIN MACKENZIE



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From the Press Secretary

October 25, 1989

Mr Kelvin,

I am sorry that when my deputy Terry Perks approached you to confirm the arrangements for a chat with the Prime Minister this week, it came as news to you.

This is entirely my fault. I have been out of the office for more than two weeks and somehow I failed to get the Prime Minister's invitation conveyed to you.

If you would like a background chat with her - or conceivably an interview - I would like to suggest Monday, November 6 at 11am.

Would you let me know whether this appeals to you?

Yours sincerely

BERNARD INGHAM

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