

Wednesday.

Bull Points to Media/Press.

1 MH's Decision to Stand

→ MH's decision to stand is a misjudgment (both politically and personally on MH's part) It is not the right time. It is not the right way to make a challenge for the leadership of the Party when the Leader is Prime Minister. It is not the wish of the majority of the Parliamentary Party or the majority of the Party in the country that there should be a challenge or a change.

2 Weight of PM's Support

→ The entire cabinet and the great majority of senior backbenchers of substance are totally behind her and wishing to speak out on her behalf.

3 Are you saying that there should never be challenge for age

1. No of course not. Democratic. (see 7).
2. Page 8. take in.

4 Prediction of Result

The Prime Minister will achieve a ~~resounding~~^{good} victory.

5 What is a resounding victory?

Impossible to predict but given the strength of support across the party there will be no doubt about the result.

6 But won't 80, 100 or even 120 Tory MPs not supporting her damage her position fatally, if not immediately, then very soon?

Not at all. This is a genuine challenge by an actual contender. He will no doubt wish to stand by the result and urge his supporters to rally round the Prime Minister. It would not be in the Party's interest generally or any Tory MP in particular to treat the result in any other way. We need to be directing our minds to the management of the national affairs.

7 The Prime Minister's Standing.

The Prime Minister is by any standard one of the most successful Prime Ministers in terms of achievement that we have ever had.

Mrs. T. has won each of the three elections she has fought as Leader a feat not equalled this century.

Mrs. T. commands widespread respect at home and abroad for her conviction, courage, commitment on behalf of Britain the United Kingdom, such respect coming even from her most vehement opponents. On policy

This country needs dynamic leadership in the 1990s. Economic, Social and even Military challenges to this country have taken head on by the Prime Minister and won. So must all such challenges be dealt with in the future.

8. The Prime Minister's Style.

Take in 9.

9. Uncertainty in the World, Britain Still has certain leadership

Uncertainties in the Gulf ~~cannot~~ can only be increased by the leadership challenge. It can only undermine the position of this country in the alliance of interests against Iraq as well as that alliance itself.

Uncertainties on the many unresolved European Community issues require the Cabinet ~~not~~ already united on its policy to be supported not undermined.

10. Would this damage the Party irretrievably, in terms of the next election.

achieving
the desired
results &
in turn this
will obtain
the public's
widespread
support

Absolutely not. After her ^{resounding} victory on the first ballot it will be very soon put behind us and as the economy improves so the policies the Prime Minister and Cabinet have been pursuing will ~~be~~ be seen to be

But she is Anti-European?

Absolutely not. It was the PM who dove through Parliament the Single European Act.

She has been firm in her commitment to an independent economic policy for this country just as she is for an independent defence policy.

On defence we work within the bounds of Nato just as we have every wish to work within the bounds of European Community, and have a proven record on this.

But PM no more believes that we should hand over ~~our~~ management of our economy to the European Community than believing we should hand over the use of our Nuclear Deterrent to Nato.

10.15 meeting

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