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From the Private Secretary

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YUGOSLAV REQUEST FOR A T.V. INTERVIEW
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your further letter of 8 March about the Yugoslav request for a T.V. interview with the Prime Minister at the time of Mr. Djuranovic's visit.

I have discussed this with the Prime Minister. I am afraid that she is not willing to do it. It comes at a particularly busy time and she feels that the preparation required is more than she can take on at present.

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Prime Minister

I would rather not. It is Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Would you be willing to give a 1/2 hour interview to Yugoslav Decision before Mr. Djuranovic's visit on

London SW1A 2AH and I would need to do a lot of work

8 March 1988

Dear Charles, 23 March? CDP 9/3

Mr. Hoffman for advice please

Yugoslav Request for a TV Interview with the Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 23 March.

The Yugoslavs have said they would like the interview to cover bilateral relations; the Yugoslav economy, and relations with the IMF and Paris Club; Yugoslavia's relations with the Community; and East/West relations. They have said that there will be no questions about Waldheim.

The question of a single interviewer is more difficult. The Yugoslavs have told us that they made their suggestion of an interview with three journalists partly because this was the format used for the Prime Minister's TV interview in Moscow, which they found particularly effective. In addition, TV services in Yugoslavia are run on a regional basis. If the Prime Minister were to give an interview to only one Yugoslav TV journalist, this would unfortunately mean, given local rivalries etc, that it would probably be broadcast in only one region. For the reasons in my earlier letter, it would be useful if the Prime Minister's answers could reach the widest possible audience. Mr Wood in Belgrade therefore recommends that, if possible, an interview should be arranged with all three journalists mentioned in para 2 of his telno 51 (further copy enclosed).

Yours ever,

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