

cc Miss Caines

Mr. Joce

MR. FLESHER - in respect of Questions  
MR. ADDISON - in respect of Correspondence  
MR. CATFORD  
MR. REDWOOD  
MR. SHERBOURNE  
MISS DOVER  
MRS. COLE

250th Anniversary of No.10 - BBC TV Programme

I think that each of you met Jenny Barraclough, who is to produce the BBC programme on No.10 to mark the 250th anniversary.

I had a discussion with Jenny Barraclough this morning, in which I again made it clear that the purpose of the programme is to show the House and that pictures of what goes on in it should only be a limited and incidental part. In particular I have repeated that, while the cameras may be allowed to "eavesdrop" on some of our operations under very controlled conditions, there can be no direct interviews with staff.

There will be two categories of operations which the BBC will be allowed to film - and it is at present envisaged that they should do the filming between 7 and 21 May:-

(i) They will be allowed to film some "real life" activities where there is no security aspect - e.g. processing letters from members of the public in the Correspondence Section.

(ii) Where there is a security aspect so that the BBC cannot sit in on actual operations - e.g. the Private Secretaries' Office, the Policy Unit or the Political Office, we could stage something: Jenny Barraclough argued that this was likely to be "wooden", but I replied that this could not be helped. If the BBC did not wish to use the result that was up to them.

The purpose of this note is to tell you that Jenny Barraclough would like to have a talk with each of you about the possibilities for filming the operations of your unit. Jean Caines will seek to make an appointment for her to do so in the next few days and will accompany her. Any proposals which emerge will then be put together and will be cleared with me. But, while you should do what you can to suggest how the BBC might film a typical example of your operations, you should not agree to anything which is too disruptive of your normal work or which could in any way prejudice security.

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MR BUTLER

BBC IN NO 10

Jennie Barraclough has asked if they could concentrate filming in No 10 in the fortnight May 7-21. This includes VE Day, Scottish Conference, drinks with Special Advisers, Export Day reception, bilaterals and lunch for Chancellor Kohl (at Chequers) and Finnish Prime Minister's visit.

Mrs Barraclough would also like to sit in a couple of offices to soak in the atmosphere. We shall have to think about this.

*Ing*  
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