PRIME MINISTER

BBC FILM: 250th ANNIVERSARY OF NO. 10

The BBC are hoping to film the High Commissioners passing through the garden and the reception involving the children upstairs on Saturday.

As you know, they did not manage to get any film of Mr. Thatcher with you in the Flat. They will hope to get some film of him in the State Room on Saturday morning; but they would also like - if you and he agreed - to get some film of him in the Flat. Would you and he agree to have some film of you taken together in the Sitting Room of the Flat, either before or after lunch on Saturday (at the cost of having the lights again temporarily set up in the Sitting Room while you are out at the Trooping the Colour on Saturday morning)?

Second, the BBC have asked whether you would be prepared to wear the portable microphone again so they can get some conversation between you and one or two High Commissioners on Saturday morning. They say that the results using the portable microphone are much better than those using the hand-held microphone. Would you be willing to wear the portable microphone for part of the reception?

(I think that you have done the BBC very well and, if the answer to either or both of these questions is no, I shall have no scruples in explaining it to the BBC).

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