

PRIME MINISTER

ELECTION MEDIA

We have now had meetings with BBC, ITN and the police on the above and this is my progress report.

Remote Cameras

You have agreed to put an ITN remote camera in your car. This was to film your visit to the Palace. This will not now take place. I need therefore to clear with you ITN's request for a remote camera (purely for visual - ie. mute - purposes) to film you (live or not, according to your wishes) on your way from the declaration of your result to Finchley Party HQ and then to No 10 or CCO.

Subject to our maintaining control over camera's use, I see no objection.

Agree?

Yes.

You have also agreed in principle to another (mute) ITN camera showing you returning to No 10 as Prime Minister. This camera will be manually operated, but otherwise no different from the one in the car.

Agree?

Yes

Public in Street

The police naturally wish to keep the street closed to the public and are absolutely horrified at the idea of your going down to the barrier at the end to meet the people. They have no control over who is in the crowd at the end of the street.

They recognise, however, the nature of the occasion and would therefore much prefer people to be admitted to the street (kept on the opposite side of it behind barriers), subject to a bag check before being admitted. The security check would be the same as operates at Trooping of the Colour etc.

We have a presentation problem also to cope with: how we explain the timing of the opening of the street?

You don't have to  
Just open it (iii) and

There are three options:

- (i) close of poll at 10.00pm;
- (ii) after the declaration of your result in Finchley;
- (iii) once a result is clear. ✓ *i.e. an overall result*

The easiest presentationally is the first. The easiest personally is the last. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Agree to open the street once the polls have closed? *No*

I should add that if and when you step out of No 10 or your car to meet the public in Downing Street, could you please refrain from going near to the barrier at the end of the street where the public are uncontrolled and unchecked?

Media

I have instituted a system so that the media is under control when you are in or about to enter the street. Otherwise I propose to allow them reasonable latitude.

Esther Rantzen (BBC) and Michael Nicholson (ITN) will be the TV reporters in the street overnight. They may well try to get interviews with you. I have told them you have chosen to give interviews in the White Room.

On the other hand, BBC and ITN have welcomed the idea of small TV and radio pools operating on your side of the barrier whenever you meet the public.

So far as interviews after the result is known BBC and ITN have asked if they can instal a live facility in the White Room which is operational by 10.00am. You had already agreed this in principle.

I have agreed, subject to a favourable result being known by then.

Content? *Yes*

You have a choice for the TV interviews - live down the line by Robin Day and Alastair Burnet, with a monitor; or recorded. BBC are

probably prepared to do face-to-face with Robin Day but ITN seem likely to want to go down the line.

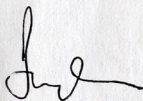
Agree to be flexible?

Yes

Americans

You have turned down a request for an interview with Bonnie Angelo, Time, on Friday. I take it you will also reject a request from Barbara Walters, ABC, America, for an interview this Thursday (election day) or the following Thursday?

Will do the following Thursday  
if suitable for me  
not



B. INGHAM

7 June 1983

*Robin Butler*

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SECRET: FINAL EDITION OF PROGRAMME

Sunday 5th June

09.30 Briefing for Weekend World  
(Messrs Reece, Shrimpsley, Sherbourne)  
11.00 Make-up  
12.00 Record Weekend World at No.12  
13.10 Lunch in flat (DT, CT)  
14.40 Depart for Wembley  
15.20 Arrive Wembley Conference Centre  
15.30 Address Youth Rally  
16.45 Tea in private room  
16.30 Depart Wembley  
17.00 Arrive 24 Maddox Street  
Prepare for & record PEB (+GR)  
Return to No.10  
20.00 Supper in flat  
20.30 Speechwriting

Monday 6th June

08.00 Robin Butler  
08.15 Depart No.10  
09.30 Press Conference  
10.20 Weekly ITN interview  
10.30 Depart Central Office by coach  
11.10 Arrive Mitcham & Morden (Angela Rumbold)  
Visit J.F. Renshaw Ltd  
11.40 Depart in coach  
11.50 Arrive Croydon North West Conservative HQ  
12.00 Depart Croydon  
12.30 Arrive No.10  
Lunch in flat  
Briefing for Granada 500: Messrs Reece, Shrimpsley, Sherbourne)  
15.00 Makeup at No.10  
15.30 Depart No.10  
15.45 Arrive Royalty Theatre, Aldwych  
16.00 Record Granada 500  
16.25 Finish recording  
16.30 Depart Aldwych  
16.45 Arrive House of Commons & see staff  
17.00 Return to No.10  
Speechwriting for North West Rally & PEB

Tuesday 7th June

07.45 Briefing for Election Call at No.10  
08.15 Depart No.10  
08.45 Arrive BBC Lime Grove  
Make-up if necessary  
09.05 Election Call  
10.00 Depart BBC  
10.25 Arrive Central Office  
Discussion with Chairman  
11.00 Return to No.10  
Prepare speech & PEB  
12.15 Hair (carmen rollers)  
12.45 Lunch in flat  
13.30 Depart No.10  
13.45 Arrive 24 Maddox Street  
Record PEB  
15.30 Depart Maddox Street  
16.00 Depart Victoria Station  
17.00 Depart Gatwick  
18.00 Arrive Wharton  
18.30 Arrive North British Hotel, Fleetwood  
19.15 Rally at Fleetwood  
20.15 Depart  
21.00 Depart Wharton  
22.00 Arrive Gatwick  
22.45 Arrive No.10 by car

Wednesday 8th June

07.45 Dr Henderson  
08.00 Robin Butler  
08.15 Depart for Central Office  
09.30 Press Conference  
10.00 Chairman  
10.20 ITN Interview  
10.45 BBC Interview  
11.15 Depart Central Office  
11.30 Depart Battersea by helicopter  
Arrive Old Sarum Airfield  
Visit to Salisbury area  
Depart by helicopter for Isle of Wight  
Return to London from Isle of Wight by helicopter  
16.30 Arrive Battersea  
16.45 Arrive No.10  
17.00 Comb-out  
Finchley Eve of Poll Meetings

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Thursday 9th June

POLLING DAY

07.15	Vote in Westminster
08.30	Depart by car for Finchley
	Visit Committee Rooms
	Host lunch in constituency for party workers
15.00	Depart Finchley
15.45	Arrive No.10
18.00	Hair (comb out)
20.00	Supper in flat
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22.45	Depart No.10 by car
23.30	Arrive Hendon for Count
	Return to Ballards Lane
	Return to Central Office

*On X could the Press Office be informed  
as early as possible of the decision?  
JK/6*

cc Miss Christopherson  
All Press Officers

MR INGHAM

*cc Mr Butler*  
*cc Supt Cawthorne*  
*cc Mr Jice*

ELECTION NIGHT AND FRIDAY: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS IN DOWNING STREET

Along with Peter Joce I had a further meeting this morning with the police (Special Branch, Diplomatic Protection Group and Cannon Row) to discuss and finalise the arrangements for the press in Downing Street on Election night and Friday.

The following proposals which I outlined were accepted:-

- (i) A large press enclosure on the road occupying all of the park end of the Street to the right of the No 10 Front Door. Pavements on both sides of the Street to be kept clear for access and policing.
- (ii) Press access to the Street only through the St James's Park gate.
- (iii) CoI to arrange "sound" facilities (microphone by the front door, amplification and feeds). Their radio car/control board would be parked within the press pen close to the St James's Park gate.
- (iv) Lighting as already installed on the FCO wall. There will also be power outlets available from that point.
- (v) Press platforms. It is open to the broadcasters to provide and use their own temporary platforms if they so desire but these could only be positioned within the press pen.
- (vi) Vehicles. Only the PM's car and back-up to be parked in the Street. Mr Joce, Mr Taylor and Superintendent Cawthorne are in touch with FCO to arrange parking facilities in FCO quadrangle. An Office Notice to circulate in No 10 alerting staff to the need to minimise vehicle movements in Downing Street. The police will endeavour to keep the entrance to Downing Street clear for essential vehicles but should this become impossible, access to Downing Street by vehicles would be through King Charles Street and the FCO quadrangle.
- (vii) Pooling. Should the PM leave the front door on foot to meet the public either within the Street or at the end of the Street, a press pool would move with her on her side of the barriers. This pool would comprise BBC TV and ITN including correspondents (probably 6 people in total) plus a photographer, a writer and a radio man.
- (iix) Vox Pop. The police would co-operate in respect of press from the press pen who wished to leave the pen to interview the public or do stand-up reports in front of the door provided the PM or other VIPs ~~are~~ not in the vicinity.

- (ix) Honours collection/Honours Lobby. I have informed the police that they should expect approximately 20-30 messengers/Lobby correspondents calling at the front door of No 10 at 10 pm on Friday to collect the embargoed Honours and that there would be a Lobby in Bernard's room at 09.30 Friday morning. We would advise all concerned to use the St James's Park gate.
- (x) Interviews. I alerted the police to the possibility of interviews inside No 10 on the Friday, perhaps late morning. Nothing would be set up in advance of a final decision by the PM to give such interviews. We would provide names in the normal way of those requiring access to the building.

#### Access to the Street by the Public

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Commander Bicknell (Head of Special Branch) said that the basic view of the security authorities was that the Street should remain closed to the public. However, taking into account the occasion and the likely wish of whoever was the Prime Minister to have some contact with the public, and in particular that such contact would be more secure if there was controlled access of the public into the Street, their overall view was that at some stage the public should be allowed in. This access would be controlled; there would be bag searches, and would be restricted to the pavement on the far side of the Street alongside the FCO. Numbers would be carefully controlled. On timing it was Cmdr Bicknell's view that the public should be admitted some time after the declaration in the PM's constituency. However he recognised the need to retain flexibility. He also recognised that if there were a very large crowd in Whitehall late Thursday evening, it might be prudent to permit earlier access by the public. He would certainly wish to take into account any views the PM might have on this.

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PRESS OFFICE

7 June 1983

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MR INGHAM

cc:- Mr. Joce

I had a word with the Prime Minister this morning about the arrangements for Friday afternoon, if she is re-elected.

On the admission of the public to Downing Street, the Prime Minister said that she would not want them to be admitted to Downing Street on Thursday night. The exception to this would be if the Conservatives had already won the Election by the time she returned from Conservative Central Office in the early hours of Friday morning: if the Conservatives had won and if there was a crowd around the entrance to Downing Street, she would agree to the public being admitted then. But this is a decision which could only be taken at the time.

E. E. R. BUTLER

8 June, 1983