

PRIME MINISTER

cc. Miss Stephens
Mr. Alexander

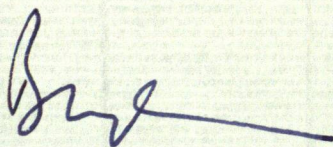
Interview with Die Welt

You have agreed to do an interview with Die Welt as part of our publicity campaign on the EC Budget in the run up to the next Council.

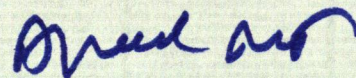
The interview will almost certainly be conducted by Dr. Barzel. As time is short to arrange it this week and as you have both the interview with French Television and the Party Political Broadcast next week, we would like to suggest that the interview with Die Welt should take place on Monday, 17 March, for publication as soon as possible thereafter. ✓

This timing is rather later than intended but both Michael Alexander and the FCO consider that an interview on 17 March, for a West German audience, would still be tactically useful in terms of our negotiations.

If you are content with this timing, we will make firm arrangements.



B. INGHAM



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