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Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, P.C., M.P.,
House of Commons,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

London Weekend Television would like to invite the leaders of the two main political parties, one of whom will form the next government, to debate with each other during the course of the impending General Election campaign.

We therefore propose the following two programmes for transmission on the ITV network:

1. a debate on Britain's role in the world, to go out live two Sundays before Polling Day between 7.15 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.; and
2. a debate on Britain's domestic problems, to go out live on the Sunday before Polling Day between 7.15 p.m. and 8.45 p.m.

The participants in each case would be the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition. The chairman would be Brian Walden.

To provide for the participation of the Liberal Party, we further propose:

3. an interview covering Britain's world role and her domestic problems with the leader of the Liberal Party; this would go out on the Friday before Polling Day between 10.30 p.m. and 11.15 p.m., and the interviewer would be Brian Walden.

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These proposals, if accepted by the party leaders, would replace our existing proposal for an extended edition of Weekend World featuring live interviews with all three party leaders on the Sunday evening before Polling Day.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David Cox

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