

MR BUTLER

1. Mr. Lake ✓ A.F.C. 19.10

To note x/

2. Miss Christopherson ✓

Many thanks

RRB 18.10

I sat in on the Prime Minister's background chat with Tony Shrimpsley last Friday, 15 October.

She covered mostly well-trodden ground but there are a couple of points you might like to note.

On the Election timing:

"I expect to have at least a full year's Parliamentary session ... I don't cut and run."

On reorganisation of No 10:

"One or two more people in to help on the Foreign Affairs side .... someone like Alan Walters working with FCO .... I will take it further - I hope within the next month."

ROMOLA CHRISTOPHERSON  
Deputy Press Secretary

18 October 1982

PRIME MINISTER

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Tony Shrimmsley, former editor of "Now" and former associate editor of "The Mail on Sunday" who now writes a column for the London Evening Standard, asked if he could see you some time after your return from the Far East.

You agreed to see him for a general background chat at 4 pm tomorrow, Friday 15 October.

In the absence of Mr Ingham, I shall be covering the occasion and will bring Mr Shrimmsley up to you.

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*Romola Christopherson*

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Deputy Press Secretary

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