

PRIME MINISTER

Garde Rooms
please file
under Cl. 26/b.

Party Political Broadcast: 8 July

Can I have your decisions on the following please:

1. Would you like anybody to come to Chequers the weekend before and if so for which meals? *The wife is free.*

Those involved are:

Gordon

Ronnie

Tim Bell

Michael Dobbs

+ John H. King

Supper Saturday

Would you like any or all of this group?

2. Would you like the above group invited to a working supper on Tuesday 7 July which is the night before you do it?

3. I attach a copy of a memorandum from David Davies to Sir Harry Boyne about the details. I have discussed these with Gordon and he would like you to wear grey with a simple brooch.

Agree?

Yes

4. Gordon would prefer your make-up to be done by the BBC rather than Joan Price as they have more knowledge of television make-up.

Agree?

Yes

5. I have fixed a hair appointment for 0830 here for you on the day itself.

✓

Cl.

*I have dealt with these parts.
Cl. 26/b.*

25 June 1981

25 June 1981

Party Political Broadcast: 8 July 1981

I spoke to Gordon Reece in Los Angeles last night and he had one question he wanted me to ask you. Is the set constructed to look like a drawing room and is the floor carpeted to give a general cosy impression?

Gordon would be most grateful if you could ring him in Los Angeles on Monday. His telephone numbers are:

213 824 4113 (home)
213 208 8800 (work)

CAROLINE STEPHENS

David Davies, Esq.,
Conservative Central Office.

54

Conservative and Unionist Central Office

32 Smith Square Westminster SW1P 3HH Telephone 01-222 9000

Memorandum from: David Davies
Date: 23/6/81

To: Sir HARRY BOYNE
CC: David Boddy

PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST (TELEVISION) 8th JULY, 1981:

I have today had a meeting with the producer and the designer to discuss the set. The background proposed is a very pale blue/grey damask which will leave the Prime Minister clear to wear grey, navy, beige or cream. It would be helpful for me to know a day or two before the broadcast what she is in fact going to wear so that I can avoid a clash with the flowers which may or may not be in shot for part of the time.

As the Prime Minister will probably want to have her hair done before the broadcast, it might be a good idea for this to be done before she comes to Broadcasting House. Any final touches that may be necessary can then be carried out in make-up there. Only light make-up need be worn to the studio as it is going to be necessary for alterations to be made for television. The make-up artist will be one whom the Prime Minister knows.

The following would seem to be a practical timetable if it meets with the approval of No 10:

The script should be in typing with Autocue at 1100.

The Prime Minister should arrive at Broadcasting House at 1130.

The Prime Minister should go onto the set for lighting at 1155.

Recording should begin at 1200.

As the Prime Minister usually gets through these things quite speedily I do not expect that she will be with us after 1300, but lunch will be available should it be required.

Michael Dobbs is aware of these proposals.

MW

- ① to set one dining room
wall in another block (see)
- ② sd be carpet underneath feet
Coryen. impression.
- ③ Make-up: - BBC: Gordon presents Joan
some of them Price.
- ④ Show P.M. programme
- ⑤ Gordon suggests Grey - 1 sample piece
of jewellery.

- ① Girl for Cheevers -
- ② Late night girl Tuesday #3.

PRIME MINISTER

You asked for somebody with television experience to join the group one Sunday evening to discuss the Party Political. Tim Bell's name has been put forward by Ronnie and David with the suggestion that Michael Dobbs, who is doing the first draft of the text, might be included.

Would you be happy for me to arrange for this group to come and see you on Sunday week in the evening here at No.10?

CAROLINE STEPHENS

~~Gordon Ross~~

11 June 1981

please b/f on
Friday 19 June

cf.
Please file again
until I ask for it
It will be before 11/6.
July 8th

PRIME MINISTER

David Wolfson mentioned that Ronnie suggested to you that you might like to spend a Sunday evening talking about various matters including the coming PPB on 8 July. This Sunday or next Sunday are the only two possibilities and I attach the diary. This Sunday would be marginally better just in case you go to visit Polaris on Monday 22nd although that seems unlikely at the moment. Ronnie suggests that Peter Utley, John Hoskyns and David Wolfson should be invited and David thought that Miss Thomas at Chequers could send you up some sandwiches.

Do you agree:-

- a) To this group being invited?
- b) For them to be asked this Sunday?

We ought to have someone who knows about T.V. production.

ES.

Am already engaged this Sunday evening.

10 June 1981

Caroline.

Add Michael Doble?

*If number too great, omit Peter Utley?
David W.?*

not