

Nationwide

You have agreed to do a "Nationwide" show in connection with your first anniversary during the week beginning May 5. Caroline has selected Wednesday evening, May 7 and this has provisionally been arranged with BBC TV.

I now need your guidance on a number of matters:

- Are you content to do out to Lime Grove; this would involve your leaving at say 5.15 in order to be there for 6 p.m?
- The proposed programme would go out at 6.20 until 7 p.m. and, in the format they suggest, you would be on set for the whole of the time.
- The proposed format is the "On the Spot" programme you apparently did during the election. Frank Bough would introduce you, ask a few introductory questions and then serve as a link-man between selected viewers who would be taken to regional studies to put their questions to you down the line. (Nationwide would trail this format next week, so stimulating questions, once they have your go ahead. It is possible - indeed, I think likely - that a day or two before your appearance Nationwide will go to an area and feature the public's views on your first year of Government.)

Please consult with Gordon. They have a habit of firing these questions at you. Frank it's good idea not

Leaving aside the last point, I think it would be a good idea to accept the "On the Spot" format. It gives you a good opportunity to deal with ordinary people's concerns. If you agree to this, then a visit to Lime Grove is unavoidable.

Content with "On the Spot" format with Frank Bough at Lime Grove?

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