

PRIME MINISTER

This is Michael Swann's "thank you" letter after your talk with him.

His point about news of that meeting is somewhat disingenuous: it was mentioned at the Lobby only after we had heard from the BBC that they would have a photographer at the door filming Sir Michael's arrival.

The BBC's 9 o'clock news this evening took about five minutes over the story on the IRA at Carrickmore, much of it taken up with the Panorama team's justification. The same bulletin also referred to discussions going on to preserve the seven vernacular services, and referred to the intention to impose cuts in the external services financing despite this.

MAJ

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Peter O'Rourke is not
 "delighted". But let the matter
 rest there for the time being.
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