

PRIME MINISTER

FAR EAST VISIT: ADVANCE INTERVIEWS

I attach briefing for your advance interviews with Japanese and Chinese correspondents.

JAPANESE WRITING CORRESPONDENTS: TUESDAY 09.30 FOR 30 MINUTES

This will be a group of eight journalists representing the six major Japanese daily newspapers and two press agencies. I suggest you see them in the small Dining Room. A COI photographer will be present to take pictures of the group putting questions to you and, if possible, of you with individual correspondents. The session will be tape-recorded for transcription (not broadcast) purposes.

JAPANESE TV INTERVIEWS: TUESDAY 11.00

Five separate interviews for the main Japanese television networks. Each interview will run approximately six minutes, but I hope you will be prepared to go slightly longer for the final interview with NHK. They are giving your visit significantly more coverage than the other companies and they have provided their equipment for all the interviews.

I suggest the White Drawing Room. No special make-up will be required as minimal lighting will be used.

CHINESE CORRESPONDENTS: WEDNESDAY 09.30

Up to 30 minutes with the three London-based Chinese correspondents who together represent the official Chinese News Agency. I suggest the White Drawing Room. As with the Japanese, I have arranged for a COI photographer to be present. The session will also be recorded for transcription purposes.

BBC RADIO EXTERNAL SERVICES: WEDNESDAY 10.00

A six-minute interview for the BBC Japanese Service. This will immediately follow your session with the three Chinese correspondents.

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Detailed briefing is attached. You will see that both the Japanese writing correspondents and television correspondents intend to pursue much the same questions - your visit, the world economic situation, the Falklands and the Siberian pipeline.

The three Chinese correspondents, whom you are seeing as a group, represent the official Chinese News Agency and have submitted their precise questions to us which we expect them to stick to very closely. You will see that there is a passing, but very carefully drafted, reference to Hong Kong in answer to their final question.

Included in the briefing are draft statements which you might use at the beginning of your sessions with the Japanese and Chinese writing correspondents.

In addition to the attached briefing, I suggest you also draw upon the Steering Briefs for Japan and China included in your main briefing folders and, of course, the programmes for both countries.

In all cases the interviews will be published or broadcast in advance of your arrival in Japan and China.



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ADVANCE INTERVIEWS WITH JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTSParticipants and Outline of Questions

Mr. Tatsuo Inoue, Kyodo News Service
Mr. Masafumi Nagae, The Jiji Press Ltd
Mr. Toru Kuroiwa, Mainichi Newspapers
Mr. Naotake Nobuhara, The Sankei Shimbun
Mr. Eiji Ito, The Chunichi/Tokyo Shimbun
Mr. M. Takeuchi, The Nihon Keizai Shimbun
Mr. Yasunori Asai, Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo)
Mr. Kiyoharu Nagai, Yomiuri Shimbun

The above are working together in as much as they have coordinated their questions which will be based on the following outline:-

1. What concrete results do you expect from your visit to Japan?
2. Some people have said that the Falkland crisis has clouded Anglo-Japanese relations. What do you think about this?
3. What, in your opinion, is the state of Anglo-Japanese economic relations? What would you like to see Japan do to see relations improved?
4. The United States and Western Europe have been in broad alliance in recent years in relation to attitudes to Eastern Europe. But recently relations between the US and Western Europe have soured (for example over trade and the Soviet pipeline issue). Could this lead to political conflict?
5. The world is in recession: the international financial climate is disturbing. Should Japan and Britain act together on this matter? Do you feel that Japan, especially, should take action?

PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEWS FOR JAPANESE TV

There will be five in the following order:

1. TV Asahi - Mr NAKATA
2. Fuji Telecasting - Mr ARIIZUMI
3. Nippon Television - Mr IMAI
4. Tokyo Broadcasting System - Mr MASUKO
5. NHK - Mr SHIBATSUJI

They are each expecting approximately six minutes with you, but I hope in the case of NHK-TV you will be prepared to go up to ten minutes.

They intend to cover the following points:

- your visit and what you hope to achieve
- trade relations
- Japan and the Falklands
- relations between Western Europe and the US over the Siberian pipeline
- the world economy
- the British economy
- unemployment in Britain
- you as the "Iron Lady"
- the advantages and disadvantages of being a woman Prime Minister