

PRIME MINISTER

PANORAMA

We are now arranging, as you requested, for the interview to be conducted live from No 12 on Monday evening at 8.10pm. You will be seated at a desk.

To remind you, the interviewers will be Robert Kee and Richard Lindley and there will be roughly 45 minutes of interview. Their intention is:

- to open with the results of an update on Sunday of the Economist public opinion poll, plus any late news; then
- 20 minutes on the Falklands;
- 5 minutes on the Defence implications;
- 10-15 minutes on the economy (unemployment, wages, inflation, unions); *K. Lindley*
- 5-10 minutes on law and order and, to finish off, the state of British politics - where you see the Government after 3 years - on course and on time? - and the menace of the SDP.

I attach the 2 Economist polls - Annex I being that of April 17 and Annex II that of this weekend.

I am trying to get the preliminary results of the Panorama update of the Economist interview on Sunday evening and you will certainly have them well in advance of the broadcast.

I am coming in at 9.00pm on Sunday for a briefing with you and I then intend to have available:

- a list of possible questions on the Falklands/Defence which I will update on Monday; and
- another list of questions on the second (domestic) half of the programme.

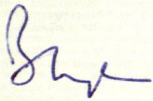
I shall preface each with a list of objectives for the interview.

But a key element in this interview will be to judge mood and demeanor in the light of the circumstances at the time.

We shall keep you up with the news - just as Panorama plan to do.

Content?

Below Annexes I and II please find more detailed briefing, prefaced by a note from Mike Pattison.



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