

PRIME MINISTER

INTERVIEW WITH CANADIAN MEDIA

The note by Mr. Horne attached sets out details of your interviews on Monday with the Canadian media, and lists some of the question.

Most of the questions will be on subjects which you know well: South Africa, terrorism, Northern Ireland, and privatization.

But you might also glance at the attached papers dealing with:

- the Canadian scene
- British participation in EXPO 86
- your programme in Vancouver (which will also now be the site of the 1987 CHOGM)
- UK/Canada Trade
- the effects of the Canada/US trade dispute for Canada/UK trade
- possible Canadian contribution to the International Fund for Ireland.

There might be questions on any of these.

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You have agreed to a series of interviews on Monday afternoon prior to your Vancouver trip next weekend. The interviewers have been selected to guarantee coverage immediately before and during your time in Canada.

The written interviews from 14.30 to 15.00 will be conducted by Mr John Fraser of "The Globe and Mail" and Mr Richard Gwyn of the "Toronto Star". Mr Ingham will be present for this joint session. They plan to concentrate on South Africa and sanctions and go on from there to the Commonwealth ending, if they have time with arms control. The Globe and Mail is read Canada-wide and Mr Gwyn's Toronto Star column on Sundays is an important feature of a national Sunday magazine supplement.

Fifteen minutes is given over to the COI Radio Service. Miss Catherine Paviot will concentrate more on the Expo; why Britain is there? What we hope to achieve? Our innovative skills versus our lack of marketing ability. But she would also like to ask about Anglo-Canadian relations and the change for the better since the "ill feeling" brought about by the Constitutional wrangle two years ago.

Finally, the television interviews. They are with the French Language Service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for their "Le Point" programme, and CTV, the Canadian commercial network for their "Canada AM" breakfast time programme. Fifteen minutes have been allocated to each interview. Mr Simon Durivage, who will conduct his interview in English, plans to ask you about:

1. Anglo-Canadian relations and should anything be done to improve them?
2. Your view on the evolution of the problems of South Africa; the Commonwealth and any difference of view between yourself and Mr Mulroney.
3. Terrorism; the murder of British hostages in Beirut and your support for the United States.
4. Privatisation, denationalisation. What advice would you give to Mr Mulroney and Mr Bourassa? (The latter is the Liberal Premier of Quebec who is keen on reconciliation constitutionally between Quebec and the rest of Canada.) Both are interested in your achievements in this sector.

The "Canada AM" interview by Miss Linda McLellan, will cover similar ground but she also hopes to ask you about domestic matters such as unemployment, Northern Ireland and law and order. If time permits, she would like to ask about the effects on Britain of Mr Mulroney's proposals on Canada/US trade. This interview will be transmitted on the Friday morning of your arrival in Vancouver and is a scene setter.

The general message which the FCO see as common to all the interviews is: notwithstanding our ties with the Community and Canada's with the United States, Britain and Canada are terribly important to each other. Not just economically - our exports have grown by 40% in the last year - but also culturally and politically.

I suggest that the written and COI interviews take place in the Study and the television interviews in the White Room. This will enable you to have a slight breather and be made up before the TV session.

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*Michael Horne.*

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