

Robin

The proposals affecting my section are fine if we are going to have a film about No 10 and what goes on in it. But put together these proposals look a pretty formidable recipe for a "gossip" programme

MR BUTLER

rather than a "record" programme

cc Mr Flesher
Mr Addison
Mr Catford
Mr Redwood
Mr Owen
Mr Sherbourne
Miss Dover
Mrs Cole
Mr Joce
Mrs Pope
Miss Roche

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BBC PROGRAMME ON NO 10'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Jenny Barraclough came to see people on Monday. She will be writing to me setting out her understanding of the next steps. But here is a list of the proposals which emerged: I have drawn this list up because I am anxious that we in No 10 should be of one mind about the way ahead before I next have to discuss it with Jenny.

Policy Unit

Staged film of a discussion in Mr Redwood's room involving members of the Unit. The subject would be selected in advance by the unit and would involve a piece of policy which was

- (i) already public (the discussion might cover follow-up);
- (ii) of broad, rather than technical interest (eg jobs or education, rather than the intricacies of BNOC).

Mr Catford

- (i) Staged film of Mr Catford talking to a "candidate" for a job. In fact, the "candidate" would already have accepted the appointment, and the appointment would have been announced but the discussion would cover, for example, what the job in question actually involved. We should, of course, have to find a "candidate" who agreed to all this and the suggestion is that he might be an Arts man, rather than a cleric.

- (ii) A portrait of Walpole is shortly to arrive for the Front Hall. J Barraclough could film a reconstructed hanging (!) of the picture with Mr Catford talking to the PSA curator.

Mr Addison/Miss Dover

- (i) film of post being opened and sorted in the Garden Room;
- (ii) staged film of Mr Addison and Miss Dover discussing a letter in the Garden Rooms, and discussing the weekly analysis of correspondence.
- (iii) a long shot of the Garden Room at work.

Mr Flesher/Miss Roche

- (i) Staged film in Miss Roche's office of preparation for an oral statement by the Prime Minister, showing Mr Flesher discussing with Miss Roche such things as
 - who needs to be informed about the statement;
 - who needs to be asked to provide supplementary briefing for the statement.
- (ii) Staged film in Miss Roche's office of preparation for Questions, again showing Mr Flesher and Miss Roche discussing provision of briefing.
- (iii) Film in the Hall of the Prime Minister and team leaving for Questions.

Mr Sherbourne

- (i) Staged film of Mr Sherbourne and Mr Alison discussing, for example a speech, or a letter, or a conference (something harmless).

Mrs Cole

It was agreed that the work which will be going on in

Honours during the weeks when the BBC plan to film (May) is too confidential to permit any filming here. Miss Barraclough might ask to be allowed to come back to film Honours in June, when life is less confidential, but if she gets enough material from other offices, this may not be necessary.


Finally, Jenny Barraclough is keen to film something in Private Office and (perhaps) a Tuesday or Thursday lunch in the small dining room. I have said that we must seek your comments on all the proposals, and, in particular on any proposal to film in Private Office.



JEAN CAINES
Deputy Press Secretary

18 March 1985

P.S. She is not able to indicate at this stage how much of the final programme or various 'acts' might fill. Has she yet discussed with me plans to film the Cabinet assembly or Bernard talking a Lobby. Doubtless these are still on the 'hit list' though.



cc Mr R Butler
Mr P Joce
Mrs R Pope
Miss N Roche

MR FLESHER
MR ADDISON
MR CATFORD
MR REDWOOD
MR SHERBOURNE
MISS DOVER
MRS COLE

CF
BF to me

Monday am
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250TH ANNIVERSARY OF NO 10 - BBC TV PROGRAMME

Following Robin Butler's minute of 8 March, Jean Caines has arranged for Jenny Barraclough of BBC TV to come into No 10 to have a short 20 minute talk with each of you. The talk will take place on Monday, 18 March, in your own room, the exceptions being Messrs Flesher and Addison who will see Miss Barraclough in the small waiting room. The individual timings are undernoted:-

Monday, 18 March

11.15 - 11.35	Mrs Cole
11.35 - 11.55	Mr Catford
11.55 - 12.15	Mr Addison (small waiting room)
12.15 - 12.35	Mr Flesher (" " ")
12.35 - 12.55	Mr Sherbourne
12.55 - 1.15	Mr Redwood
1.15 - 1.35	Miss Dover.

Miss Caines will accompany Miss Barraclough throughout.

Beth Frier

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PS/J CAINES

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