

critic
college
do the
catering. They
have
excellent
courses.
Sa MB

1. MR BUTLER
2. PRIME MINISTER

I am in favour of the conducted tour and press conference (though I think that the press conference should follow the conducted tour so that the children have something to ask about).

I do not think that this should be an occasion for the disabled.

I am inclined to think that the catering will not add much and will be a complication. I would drop it.

CELEBRATING NO 10'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

You have asked me to come forward with proposals for marking the 250th anniversary of No 10 as the Prime Minister's residence.

FERB
30.7

I set out the ideas below with a view to getting your agreement in principle, and for Press Office to work them up during August, reporting progress on your return.

Your objective, over and above the BBC film which is due for broadcast on September 22, is to mark the occasion in such a way as to open up the premises to the people in a less formal way than is possible in a documentary about the house.

There are three basic possibilities:

- i. you yourself to conduct a group or groups of schoolchildren around the house in front of the cameras; or
- ii. to give a press conference before cameras to a selected group of schoolchildren (perhaps including those who have written in over the last 18 months seeking interviews); or
- iii. a party of handicapped children with professional entertainers, though this is a bit Wilsonian;
- iv. in any case to arrange for a school or a YTS course to cater modestly for the occasion, using the kitchen which would again make good pictures.

First, as you have given the BBC the privilege of doing the "official" anniversary film, I think we should accord ITV the opportunity on this occasion.

Second, I am strongly in favour of a press conference, lasting an hour, followed by a conducted tour of the house and then refreshments prepared by youngsters in the kitchen under the supervision of a teacher/instructor (perhaps liaising with Sherry Warner).

But if, as may well be the case, the teachers' strike is still on, there could be difficulty in getting schools' cooperation.

So, I have tentatively (and confidentially) canvassed opinion at ITN who I see filming any such event. They are greatly attracted to the idea editorially, and see no difficulty in principle in the 15 ITV companies bringing children to London for the day.

Thus what we need to decide is:

i. press conference/conducted tour/party for handicapped.

Yes Agree press conference combined with conducted tour (for which we shall need to agree security ground rules with ITN in advance).

ii. take DES soundings about suitable schools in each of 15 regions trying where possible, but not necessarily, to match them up with requests for interviews to No 10.

Yes

The regions are:

Anglia; Border, Central, Channel; Grampian; Granada;
HTV Wales and West; LWT; Scottish; Southern; Thames;
Tyne Tees; Ulster; Westward; Yorkshire.

I suggest two per region, giving ⁴30 in all - which is ^{not enough} more than enough for the cameras to cope with.

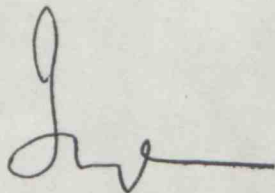
Agree?

iii. Select a school in your Finchley constituency to provide the catering; I think it is a reasonable privilege to accord your constituents.

Agree?

You would need to do this in the window between your Middle East Tour and the Party conference.

I would like your agreement in principle by Thursday so that I may set arrangements in train with ITN.



BERNARD INGHAM

23 July 1985

Go 2/2/85
11/11/85

REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLCHILDREN (SINCE JANUARY 1984)

NAME OF SCHOOL	CORRESPONDENTS NAME	REQUEST
Royal Russell Coombe Lane Croyden	Nawroz Abbany	PM's daily timetable
Oxclose School Washington Tyne & Wear	Julie Jenner	Advice to children about to leave school
Jordanthorpe Sheffield	Christopher Russell	Request to interview PM
King Edwards School for Girls Birmingham	Pierina Kapur and Donna Baxter	Request to interview PM
Meavy Primary School Devon	Annette Higgins	Which newspapers does PM read ?
Bebside Middle School	Louise Scott and Andrea Schollar	Request PM to write article for school magazine
Westminster School, SW1	Tom Swayne and Sam Ala	Complete questionnaire for school magazine
Burleigh Secondary School Devon	Lianne Irvine	Contribute to school magazine
Coquet High School, Amble, Northumberland	Helen Johnson	Contribute to school magazine
Northfield School for Physically Handicapped, York	Jason Riches	What is it like living at No 10 ?

REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLCHILDREN

NAME OF SCHOOL	CORRESPONDENTS NAME	REQUEST
New Hall School Chelmsford Essex	Kate Egan	PM's view of Shirley Williams
Winton High School Eccles	Angela Pasco and Paula Goddard	How would PM spend remaining time if she knew world was ending on specific day ?
Bestwood Park Hawthorne Primary School Notts.	Ann Soar	PM's favourite recipe
Worth School Crawley	James Reynolds	PM's memories of 2nd World War
Rainham Junior School Essex	Sarah Jane Edwards	PM's favourite toy
St Margaret's Convent School, Edinburgh	Pauline Dewar	PM's favourite piece of literature
Model Secondary School for Girls, Belfast	Lesley Nicholl and Dawn Lowry	PM's wish for peoples of the world
Wistaston Green Junior School Crewe	Matthew Shore, Jason Gallimore and Andrea Arnold	PM's most embarassing moment
Beauchamp College, Oadby	Various VIth Form	PM's favourite poem
Holt Primary School, Trowbridge	Helen Fielden	Information on No 10

REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLCHILDREN

NAME OF SCHOOL	CORRESPONDENTS NAME	REQUEST
Knutsford County High School, Cheshire	Robert Jackson	Contribution to school magazine
Hazeldown School, Teignmouth	M T Sleeman (Headmaster)	Request message from PM to mark 10th anniversary of school
Auchterarder High School Perthshire	Alison McNee	PM's recollections of the War
Wrockwardine Wood School, Telford	Miss T Smith	PM's views on her media coverage
Christ's Hospital, Horsham	Spencer Wilson; E H L Hall; Miles Delap	For school mag - what is PM's favourite TV programme ? - favourite literature ?
Lochy Side Primary School, Fort William	Patricia MacLean	PM's favourite sandwich
The High School, Newry	Wendy McAnulty	PM's ambitions for school magazine
Parklands High School, Leeds	Heidi McLoughlin	Day in the life of the PM for school magazine
Queen's School, Chester	Ruth Prince	Various questions for school magazine
Fruze Platt Comprehensive School, Maidenhead	G S Fagence (Year Master)	Message for sponsored run

REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLCHILDREN

NAME OF SCHOOL	CORRESPONDENTS NAME	REQUEST
The King's School, Canterbury	Julian Foster	PM upset about being impersonated ?
Bruton School for Girls, Somerset	Kate Hoskins	Message of support for school fete
Penryn School, Cornwall	Mrs C J Rogers	PM Message for band's trip to China
Lincoln Christ's Hospital School	Peter Kerr	PM message for cricket team's trip to Pakistan
Coten End School, Warwick	Warren & Daryl Ham	PM message to celebrate centenary of their school
Colgrain Primary School	Joanne Smith and Claire McKay	Want to know PM's reading as a young girl
Durringham Comprehensive Dorrington Wilts	Alan Elkins	Request to interview PM
Stowe School Bucks	Nicholas Humbert	Request to interview PM
Windmill School	Jonathan Miller	Interview for school magazine
Herts & Essex High School	Katherine Tzonhadis	Article for school magazine
St Cadoc's Comprehensive	Neil McDermid	Request for 20th anniversary message from PM
Campbell College Belfast	Colin Dudgeon and Mark Thompson	Request to interview PM

REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLCHILDREN

NAME OF SCHOOL	CORRESPONDENTS NAME	REQUEST
St Dunstan's College London SE6	Various Vith Form	Message for their rugby tour
Woolmore Primary School London E14	Natasha Samuel	Wants to know PM's favourite toy
-	Robert McRobbie	Contribution for school magazine
Langley Park School for Girls	Rachel Negus (15)	Favourite poem
Coopers School Chislehurst Kent	David Turtle (Vith form)	Wants interview for school magazine
George Eliot School Nuneaton	Lorraine Brookes (15)	PM's views on womens rights
St Ambrose High School Coatbridge	Graham Beattie	Various questions
Norton C of E Primary School Gloucester	Rachel Dowding	Asks for autograph and a riddle
City of London	Simon Harris	Asks for signed photograph for MS campaign
Tewkesbury Comprehensive School	Lucie Davis	Questionnaire for school magazine
Shay Lane Infants School Crofton Wakefield	Samantha Falshaw (6)	Asks about PM's ideal garden