

**BRIAN LAPPING
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Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

5th June 1990

Dear Prime Minister,

The BBC has commissioned this company to make six one-hour programmes called THE SECOND RUSSIAN REVOLUTION. They are to be transmitted by BBC-2 next March. We have also sold the series to NHK in Japan, NDR in Germany, A & E in the US and other countries round the world.

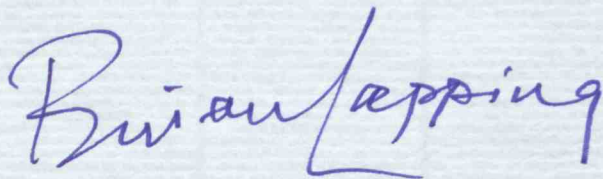
I am writing to ask you two favours:

1. At some convenient time in Britain we would like to interview you about your first meeting with Gorbachev in 1984: the first occasion on which a foreign head of government struck up a public rapport with him.
2. Would you be willing briefly to recommend our project to Mr Gorbachev during your present visit? Sir Roderic Braithwaite knows our work and has played an invaluable role in establishing top level contacts for us in Moscow. But we are advised that, in seeking an interview with the President, the only voice that is likely to be effective is yours. We would want to film him at a time of his choice between July and December.

I realise this is a lot to ask. Here are three arguments to support our request.

1. One way Britain can help Gorbachev is by presenting the history of his peaceful revolution fairly and vividly to the world.
2. The programme-makers made BREAKTHROUGH AT REYKJAVIK, which Gorbachev himself saw (he spoke about it when he was in Washington in 1987) and which members of both the US and Soviet delegations to Reykjavik have praised for its accuracy.
3. The company making the series is a small independent that exists only because of your government's determination to break the power of the British TV monopolies.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Roderic,

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8pm

I'm sorry to bother you when you are so busy. The reason we are pursuing this is that as you may have guessed, the person who suggested it is Georgii Shal'nazarov

Best wishes

Norma

in Moscow 6 June - 6 July

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THE SECOND RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

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Dear Roderic,

Would you be prepared
to give the enclosed to the
boss?

Best wishes,

Brian