

①
PRIME MINISTER

ROBIN DAY AND DAVID FROST

You have agreed to give two interviews for which we need to agree dates:

- Sir Robin Day to whom you have offered "a final interview" for BBC before his retirement; and
- David Frost for TV-am on New Year's Day but to be recorded a few days in advance.

This has been a very busy autumn and there is no reason why you should impose both these interviews on yourself before the end of the year. Moreover you should not record Frost much in advance.

I would therefore suggest you

- record the Frost interview on Friday, December 23 (since he is abroad on December 28, 29 and 30)?
- give Robin Day an interview in January as convenient.

Approved



BERNARD INGHAM

21 November 1988



10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Press Secretary

22 November 1988

Mr David,

This is to confirm my Secretary's telephone call to yours to confirm that the Prime Minister has set aside an hour from 11.30am on Friday, December 23 for your TV-am interview.

My secretary is trying to arrange for you and your producer to come in early in December to look at the interview room and discuss the areas to be covered during the interview.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernard Ingham'.

BERNARD INGHAM

David Frost Esq
TV-am



10 DOWNING STREET

Bernard

General 23/11

R. book these
two dates

Could we try:

1. 1130 a.m. on Friday
23rd Dec. for the TV-AM
interview? (I have put
in a 1/2 keep free for
your briefing beforehand).
2. 1100 am on Friday 27
January for St Robin Day
(+ 1/2 hours briefing from
10.30 am).

Lesson

22/11



10 DOWNING STREET

Monday 5 December

Ann 6.15 No 10.

Re tell David
Dorr's long
interview fixed
for 11.30 on Dec
23 for an hour
Arrange for Dorr
to come in & see
me end next
month to discuss
Prof M



10 DOWNING STREET

I telephoned David Frost's secretary and asked her to pass on a message from Bernard to David Frost.

"My understanding is that the PM has agreed in principle to give you an interview. I am now trying to clear a date in December. Would you please deal with me in the future".

A Allan
21.11.88

MR. INGHAM

I attach the threatened letter to the Prime Minister from David Frost asking her to do an interview on global issues, to be shown on 1 January.

You will no doubt wish to put this to the Prime Minister with appropriate advice.

C.D.P.

C. D. POWELL

14 November 1988