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Thank you for sending me copies of your correspondence on this subject with Leon Brittan and for giving me an opportunity to attend the meeting you have proposed.

The BBC Monitoring Service is valuable to us. However our financial contribution to it of 20% is very much a minority one, and the Monitoring Service is itself only a small part of the External Services.

I do not therefore feel that we need be represented at the meeting though I should like to be kept in touch with the conclusions that are reached.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, and the Chief Secretary.

Michael Heseltine

The Rt Hon Francis Pym MC MP

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