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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

15 February 1985

BLANK TAPE LEVY

The Prime Minister has seen Tim Abraham's letter to me of 13 February, with which he circulated the text of a Green Paper on "The Recording and Rental of Audio and Video Copyright Material".

The Prime Minister is disturbed by the political implications of the proposed levy on blank tapes. She recognises that H Committee has already considered the issues in correspondence, and would be grateful if the Lord President could set out the reasons which persuaded the Committee that the political cost of including the levy proposed in the Green Paper would be acceptable.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), David Morris (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Tim Abraham (Mr. Pattie's Office) and to Bernard Ingham (No. 10 Press Office).

DAVID BARCLAY

Miss Janet Lewis-Jones,  
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