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From the Private Secretary

2 July 1986

Dear Ms Pelham,

PEACOCK REPORT

The Prime Minister has seen the draft Statement about the Peacock Report attached to your letter to me of 30 June.

The Prime Minister shares the Chancellor's concern about the half sentence at the foot of page 3 which states that the Government does not share the apparent view of the Peacock Committee that there is nothing in the nature of the broadcast medium itself to require special regulatory arrangements.

The Prime Minister suggests that the phrase beginning "but the Government" could be amended to read:

"but the Government are quite clear that any future system of controls must be no weaker than the present system."

I am sending copies of this letter to Joan MacNaughton (Lord President's Office), Rachel Lomax (H.M. Treasury), Colin Williams (Welsh Office), Andrew Lansley (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

*18/11/1986
Duty (H&I)*

PP David Norgrove

Ms. Clare Pelham,
Home Office.

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