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WORLD TELEVISION NEWS SERVICE PROPOSAL

Thank you for the copy of your minute of 12 March to Douglas Hurd and for the accompanying paper and other material, which I have looked at with interest.

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I look forward to discussing this on 24 March. I agree that a distillation of the essential questions will help; I see them as four-fold:

- Do we want a U.K. world T.V. news service?
- If so, is subsidy needed?
- If yes, are we willing to pay?
- If yes, to whom - the B.B.C. or the private sector?

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson, Douglas Hurd and to Paul Channon.

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