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Prime Minister
Brief B is certainly
worth reading.

Dear David,

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SEMINAR ON BROADCASTING

I enclose with this letter a series of briefing notes.

The first set relate to the agenda items on:-

- A. Delivery of additional programme services
- B. Financing of additional programme services
- C. The future of existing BBC television services
- D. Increasing efficiency and competition within the duopoly
- E. Public service broadcasting
- F. Regulation of programme content

The second set consist of short background notes as follows:-

- G. The framework of existing broadcasting policy with an annex on the independent television system
- H. The Peacock Report
- I. The present financing of television programme services
- J. Subscription
- K. The Radio Green Paper

I think that the Prime Minister will find most of this material familiar to her from earlier papers circulated to MISC 128. You may, however, like to draw her particular attention to note A, prepared by DTI, on the delivery of additional programme services. This contains some material, notably about the possible scope for providing additional local television services during the 1990s through the use of MMDS, that has not previously been put before MISC 128.

The Official Group on broadcasting considered a paper on the availability of additional spectrum at its meeting last week, and we propose to make an early report to MISC 128 drawing attention to the policy implications of the emerging technical developments to which note A refers.

I am copying this letter and its enclosures to the Private Secretaries to those Ministers attending the Prime Minister's seminar, and to the other members of MISC 128.

Yours

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Dear David,

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I enclose, as you asked, the following briefing material for the seminar:-

- a) brief notes on those attending;
- b) a draft, for the Prime Minister's consideration, of her opening statement;
- c) a handling brief;
- d) a draft, for the Prime Minister's consideration, of a very brief closing statement;
- e) a note of what might be said to the press before the seminar.

Bernard Ingham will obviously need some guidance on what might be said to the press after the seminar. It seems premature however to prepare anything before the briefing arranged for Thursday.

I am copying this letter and enclosures to Alistair MacDonald (DTI) (2 copies), Anthony Langdon (Cabinet Office) and to Quentin Thomas and Nick Sanderson here. I am not circulating it more widely.

Other briefing material is coming forward separately.

Yours

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