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Dear Pehr.

TRANSFER OF BBC 2 AND CHANNEL 4 TO DBS

Thank you for your letter of 10 June.

As you say, there would be no question of altering the transmission arrangements for S4C if Channel 4 were transferred to DBS. David Young made it clear in his paper MISC 128(88)7 that he envisaged that S4C would continue to be transmitted terrestrially; and there would not, of course, be room for S4C as well as Channel 4 and BBC 2 on the spare DBS channels.

I fully understand your wish to avoid this causing any unnecessary anxiety in Wales. Our press offices can make clear in response to any enquiries that no change is envisaged for S4C.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of MISC 128 and to Sir Robin Butler.

Your, Doyla BRONDONSTING: DBS PEG.