

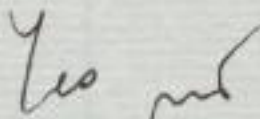
PRIME MINISTER

BROADCASTING WHITE PAPER

You agreed that the "Half Members" on your Broadcasting Committee, Misc 128, should receive papers but should only attend when they have a strong departmental interest in doing so. The next meeting on 6 June is to consider procedures for allocating licences for Channel 3 and the future structure and funding of Channel 4. Both the Foreign Secretary and Mr. Baker have asked to attend the 6 June meeting. Mr. Baker on the basis that the allocation of licences and funding will affect the requirement to provide programmes for schools and educational programming; the Foreign Secretary argued that the quality of British broadcasting, which the 6 June proposals will bear on, has a strong foreign affairs interest.

Content for Mr. Baker and the Foreign Secretary to attend?


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