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Dear Chris,

BROADCASTING POLICY

As you know, there was a brief discussion in the margins of yesterday morning's meeting of MISC 128 about the arrangements for announcing the Group's eventual decisions on broadcasting policy.

The Home Secretary said that the Government owed the Home Affairs Select Committee a reply to their report on Channel 4 and that one possibility might be to broaden this to record also the decisions which the Government reached on other broadcasting matters. There would certainly be advantage in announcing decisions as soon as possible, and he would wish to reflect further on how this might best be managed.

The Prime Minister commented that it might be better to make a single comprehensive announcement than a series of piecemeal statements, and invited the Home Secretary to circulate a draft text after he had reflected on the best way forward.

I am copying this letter to Paul Gray (No. 10) and Trevor Woolley in Sir Robin Butler's office.

Yours sincerely,

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