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PRIME MINISTER

We have a further meeting of your broadcasting group MISC 128 next week. You may like to have a first look at the papers over the weekend.

Briefing from Brian Griffiths is not yet available, and I will let you have that on Tuesday night. The enclosed papers are:

Flag A the main paper for the meeting, a note by the Home Secretary setting out his proposals on the privatisation of the transmission system

Flag B a more detailed report by the Official Group on the same subject. This is not essential reading

Flag C Cabinet Office briefing on transmission

Flag D a letter from Lord Young concerning a further more detailed aspect of the transmission discussions not covered in the other papers, i.e. the future of the IBA's engineering and R & D. Lord Young hopes to clear this in correspondence, but raises the possibility of adding it to the agenda for Wednesday's meeting. I suggest at this stage you simply note this paper's existence, and see whether colleagues can sort it out before the meeting.

Flag E the minute from Douglas Hurd on BBC Night Hours which you saw before your bilateral with Brian Griffiths this morning. Unfortunately there was not time to discuss this at that meeting. Brian's view is that it would be worth adding this issue to the agenda on Wednesday rather than agreeing it in correspondence beforehand.

The only immediate decision needed is whether to add the Night Hours paper at Flag E to Wednesday's agenda.

Do you want to do this?

Leather.../c
 (PAUL GRAY)

Yes please

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