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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 August 1989

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As you know, the Home Office is continuing to have discussions with the broadcasters about the implementation of the initiative, and I know they will bear your representations in mind. Indeed I understand you are shortly to have a meeting with the Minister of State about this.

We have no intention of allowing the broadcasters to sidestep the requirements of the initiative.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Staites

Michael Darlow, Esq.

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



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28 July 1989

*Dear Caroline*

Thank you for your letter of 17 July requesting a draft reply to Michael Darlow's further letter of 11 July to the Prime Minister about the 25% independent production initiative for television.

There is not much more that can usefully be said at this stage. Mr Darlow clearly remains unhappy at the exclusion of news and similar programmes from the initiative, but he has known all along that such an exclusion would apply, and he is aware of the reasons for it. It is a little disingenuous of him to suggest now that this undermines the spirit of the initiative.

Mr Darlow is to see Mr Renton on 31 July to discuss IPPA's reservations about the intentions of the broadcasters to carry out the 25% initiative. That will provide a further opportunity for him to put these and other concerns to Ministers.

... I enclose a draft reply.

*Yours  
Catherine*

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