



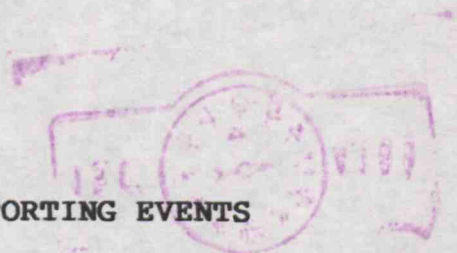
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Dear Catherine



BROADCASTING BILL: MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS

The Chancellor has seen the Home Secretary's proposals, put forward in your letter of 8 September. *with PG*

The Chancellor believes that retaining the special arrangements for "listed events" unfairly protects the BBC and IBA against competition from subscription television channels and penalises those sporting events whose organisers might wish to sell rights to subscription channels. He would consequently prefer these arrangements to be abandoned. But if they are really felt to be politically necessary he favours keeping any limits on the freedom to buy rights as narrow as possible and phasing them out as quickly as is practicable.

Copies of this letter go to Private Secretaries to members of MISC 128, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for the Environment and to Sir Robin Butler.

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