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From the Private Secretary

17 June 1982

Thank you for your letter of 15 June to Willie Rickett about the proposed BBC Radio programme on the Privy Council.

For her part the Prime Minister is content that the Lord President should take part in the programme but she has stressed the importance of ensuring that Her Majesty The Queen is content and that the Lord President's participation is consistent with the Privy Council oath. Perhaps you could let me know when you have taken soundings.

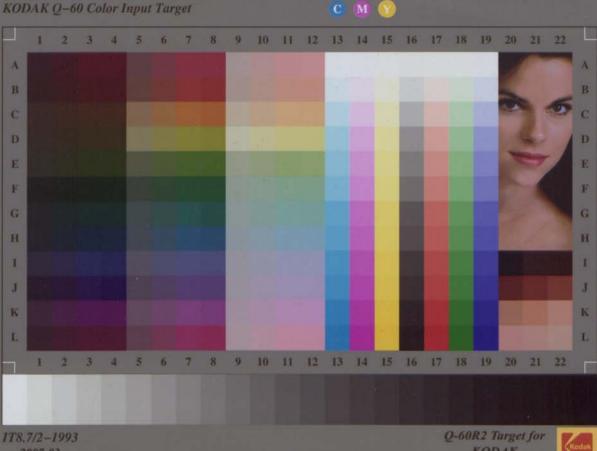
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reveal engine about the P.C.? Aur Willia The Lord President has been invited to take part in a programme on the Privy Council Office, which is being planned by BBC Radio 4 as part of their "Talking Politics" series. The programme will be broadcast on Radio 4 on a Saturday morning during the Parliamentary Recess. The presenter and interviewer will be Hugo Young, Political Editor of the "Sunday Times". The BBC have indicated that the aim of the programme is to explain what the Privy Council is and what its members do. The Lord President is quite happy to take part in the programme, subject to the Prime Minister's approval. Sir Neville Leigh, Clerk to the Privy Council, has also been invited to take part and the Lord President is content for him to do so. Could you please let me know if the Prime Minister is happy for the Lord President to proceed? I should add that Sir Neville will also be mentioning the matter to the Palace. I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright in Sir Robert Armstrong's office, Sir Neville Leigh (Privy Council Office) and Bernard Ingham (No 10). D C R HEYHOE Private Secretary W F Rickett Esq Private Secretary 10 Downing Street LONDON

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