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Lord President's PARTICIPATION in  
BBC Radio 4 PROGRAMME ON THE  
PRIVY Council OFFICE.

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*Dear Sir,* *JK*  
*23/6*

Thank you for your letter of *17* June about the proposed BBC radio programme on the Privy Council.

I can now confirm that Her Majesty the Queen is content with the proposed participation in the programme. I am also advised by the Clerk to the Council that such participation will be consistent with the broad obligation to secrecy laid down in the Privy Council Oath, which the Lord President and Sir Neville Leigh will of course observe.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

*Yours ever,*

*David*

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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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Prime Minister: 1

Content that the Lord  
President should take part  
in the BBC radio programme  
on the Privy Council?

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TJF  
15/6

15 June 1982

Dear Willie,

The most important  
thing is what the Queen thinks.  
Are we not under oath not to  
reveal anything about the P.C.?

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).

Yours ever,

David

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