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*Dear Mrs Thatcher,*

Ian Trethowan told me the other day, following a meeting he'd had with Henry James, that you might be willing to talk with us about a number of broadcasting matters, including our External Services financial problems.

But, as you may have heard, Ian has, I'm very sorry to say, had a heart attack. Fortunately it is not serious and he is doing well. But he will inevitably be out of action for quite a while.

I should, however, very much value a talk myself if you have time. Could your office, I wonder, let me know a suitable date?

One of the things I had hoped to talk about is perhaps best discussed privately. But if you wanted to go into the External Services problem in any detail, perhaps I should bring Gerard Mansell for that.

*yours sincerely*

*Michael Swann.*

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