



DW482

Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
1-19 VICTORIA STREET  
LONDON SW1H 0ET

TELEPHONE DIRECT LINE 01-215 5422  
SWITCHBOARD 01-215 7877

30 August 1985

Mark Addison Esq  
Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON  
SW1

Max

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter of 7 August. Ministers are content to proceed as the Prime Minister suggests. Mr Pattie will discuss with ITAP the Government's response to their report on cable and inform the Prime Minister of the outcome.

2 I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Hugh Taylor (Home Office), Leigh Lewis (Office of the Minister without Portfolio) and Sir Robin Nicholson.

Yours sincerely

Maureen

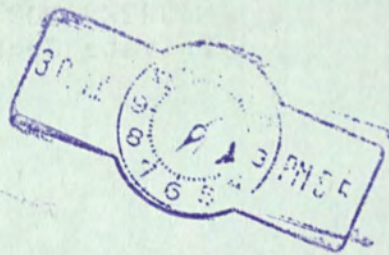
MAUREEN DODSWORTH  
Private Secretary



Broadcasting Pt 5  
DBS



CONFIDENTIAL





de VC4ABQ



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

7 August 1985

ITAP REPORT ON CABLE SYSTEMS

Your Secretary of State's minute of 26 April to the Prime Minister attached the Department's detailed comments on each of the recommendations in the ITAP Report. Subsequently, your Secretary of State wrote to the Prime Minister on 23 July recommending no further action be taken by Government in relation to the second of the ITAP recommendations, following discussions between your officials and British Telecom.

The Prime Minister has now considered how best to proceed with handling the ITAP Report. She believes the best way forward would now be for you to update the draft response to the ITAP Report as a whole both in the light of the discussion with BT and in any other way appropriate; for your Secretary of State then to send that response to the Chairman of ITAP with a suggestion that the Report and response form the basis for a discussion between your Minister of Information Technology and the panel; and that after those discussions have taken place, your Department and ITAP should consider whether a further approach to the Prime Minister was required. The Prime Minister would in any case be grateful to be informed of the outcome of those discussions.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Hugh Taylor (Home Office), Leigh Lewis (Office of the Minister without Portfolio) and Sir Robin Nicholson.

MARK ADDISON

John Mogg, Esq.,  
Department of Trade and Industry.