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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, 31st October, 1985 at 10.00 a.m. in Room 7065F Television Centre

PRESENT:

Stuart Young (in the Chair)
Sir William Rees-Mogg
Alwyn Roberts
Watson Peat
Dr. James Kincade
Jocelyn Barrow
Daphne Park
Sir John Boyd
Malcolm McAlpine
Lord Harewood
Lady Parkes

Alasdair Milne Richard Francis

Bill Cotton

John Wilkinson

Charles McLelland

Peter Fraenkel

Michael Grade

Graeme McDonald

John Wilson

Richard Wade

Patricia Hodgson Towyn Mason

Denis Mann

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The Secretary
Assistant Head of Secretariat
(for Minutes 379 - 394)
Editor, Correspondence,
Secretariat
(for Minutes 370- 378, 385, 386)

Director Radio (for Minute 390)

Not Relevant Not Relevant

(b) General Advisory Council

The Chairman commended Lord Caldecote's chairmanship of the debate on "Real Lives: At the Edge of the Union" at the previous day's GAC. He felt it had been a useful debate and he hoped the ghost of "Real Lives" would now have been exorcised. D.G. concurred. Mr. Peat said he thought all three leading figures at the top table deserved to be congratulated for the dignified and effective way in which the debate had been conducted.

The Secretary said that at the meeting of the Steering Group after the GAC disappointment had been expressed that no-one had taken the opportunity to say anything about the Peacock Committee. It had been decided that members would be written to and asked to submit any points they might have about the BBC's evidence. The Chairman said some 15 or 20 minutes had been available for discussion of the Peacock inquiry. That not a single suggestion had been made about what was perhaps the most important issue in the history of the BBC, was, he felt, a matter of regret.

