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From the Private Secretary

26 June 1985

It falls to the BBC this year to televise the State Opening of Parliament and, rather earlier than usual, the BBC have approached us formally seeking permission to televise. Unless you would prefer that the request were presented somewhat nearer the event, I should be grateful if you would seek the approval of Her Majesty The Queen.

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Robert Fellowes, Esq., L.V.O., Buckingham Palace

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from Chief Assistant to Director General

17th June, 1985

Dear Bernard,

As it falls to the BBC on this occasion to cover the State Opening, I make this formal approach asking for the various necessary permissions so that we may have access to broadcast the ceremony of the State Opening of Parliament by Her Majesty the Queen in November.

(Margaret Douglas)

Bernard Ingham Esq., Chief Press Secretary, 10 Downing Street, London SW1