

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



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1. ~~BI~~ Not need point
 at this stage in dealing
 with Murdoch or King etc
 we might as well wait
 to see what happens actually

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2. ~~Back to me~~ M 12/11

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Dear Andrew

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... I attach a note of the line the Home Secretary proposes to take about the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Murdoch when the matter is raised during this afternoon's Queen's Speech debate on home affairs.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister is content with it. If she is, the Home Secretary wonders whether you might think it worth reading over to Mr Murdoch?

Copies of this go to Martin Stanley (DTI) and Tim Sutton (Privy Council Office).

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PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MR MURDOCH [29 OCTOBER]

~~I gather that~~ At the end of the meeting Mr Murdoch mentioned the possibility of a merger, but ^{only} in the most general terms and ~~with no suggestion that anything was imminent.~~ Such a possibility had ^{already} been floated in the trade press ~~as long ago as August.~~ What has happened is a matter for the IBA and the OFT. It was not a matter for the Government a fortnight ago and it is not a matter for the Government now.

