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To note that Sir Antony Part
will be retiring from the
DBS scene (amicably).



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Thank you for your letter of 7 March.

We are most grateful to you for all the time and effort which you have devoted to the question of DBS transmission standards since my predecessor invited you to chair the advisory panel in July 1982. Many uncertainties about DBS remain but, for the reasons you give, I agree that this might be a suitable moment for us to consider you discharged from the commission which you so kindly accepted from us and which you have carried out with such commitment.

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From Home Secretary,

Direct Broadcasting by Satellite

Now that the Government have reaffirmed the C-MAC Packet system as the transmission standard for DBS in the United Kingdom, and that relationships on this subject with Europe do not seem likely to require in the near future special representation of a kind not available within the Government itself, I believe that this may be a suitable moment for me to retire from the DBS scene.

There are also my business colleagues at Orion and elsewhere to be considered. They have shown great forbearance over the last eighteen months, but there must be a limit to their tolerance. So, although this consideration is not conclusive, it represents an additional reason why it is, perhaps, appropriate for me to bow out at this juncture.

If you agree with this proposal I shall, of course, need to notify and thank those who have been in close contact with me. But I suggest that no statement should be volunteered to the media either by the Government or by me.

I hope that DBS will come to successful fruition. It will require all the skill, energy and close co-ordination that everyone concerned can bring to bear.

Copies of this letter go to the Lord President of the Council, the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry.

Yours sincerely,
Antony Part

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