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Rt Hon William Whitelaw CH MC MP Secretary of State for the Home Department Home Office 50 Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AT

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Dear Home Sewe Gary

RADIO FREQUENCY REVIEW

Thank you for your letter of 26 April. As you know, I strongly support the action you propose and I hope that you can now move swiftly to initiating the Review.

My most immediate concern is that the future of TV Bands I and III should be decided as quickly as possible. Both our Departments have received strong representations from the mobile radio industry to make more frequencies available, and I think it is widely agreed that these Bands offer the only realistic prospect for expansion the medium term. The Review Body will need the earliest possible start if it is to reach conclusions by 1 September, and I hope therefore that its announcement can be made before the end of this month.

I am copying this letter to members of E Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

PATRÍCK JENKIN

Yours Sincerely

(approved by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence)

