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*From The Secretary of State for Wales*

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**ACCELERATED CLOSURE OF 405 LINE TV TRANSMITTERS**

I have seen your letter of 21 February to Patrick Jenkin in which you set out the arguments for advancing the closure programme in the light of the study carried out into this.

The argument is a finely balanced one, but I accept that the economic advantages have the edge. What we must ensure however is that there is no let up in the programme to bring UHF services to those areas affected by the closure programme. If there is any prospect of advancing this programme to compensate the closure I think it should be actively pursued.

I have no objection to the terms of your proposed announcement. Copies of this letter go to the recipients of yours.

*William Whitelaw*

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