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*Dear Tim,*

*attached*

Thank you for copying to me your letter to Neil MacFarlane, dated 19 December 1984. I am delighted to hear that you are able to agree with his decision to refuse the BBC application to site their transmitter at Bearley. Although the evidence was conflicting, I think there was certainly a risk that the Stratford Theatre would have been affected. Naturally, I shall say nothing about the decision for the moment, but I should be grateful if you would let me know the date of the Orfordness announcement as soon as it is fixed.

I am copying this letter to Neil MacFarlane, Norman Lamont, David Trefgarne and to No. 10.

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