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The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

6 March 1986

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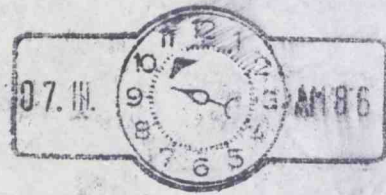
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I have seen your letter of 26 February to Willie Whitelaw, seeking the agreement of colleagues to introduce a brief Bill extending the DBS contract period, either from 12 to 15 years or for a period to be specified.

For sound commercial reasons I believe that what you propose is necessary and I support the legislative changes suggested. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, colleagues in "H", Geoffrey Howe, Paul Channon and Sir Robert Armstrong.

The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd MP
Home Secretary

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Dear Douglas,

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Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 26 February to Willie Whitelaw. The evidence from the IBA review is obviously strongly in favour of the DBS programme contracts lasting for 15 years. This may attract more response to the IBA advertisement and I agree that Section 38 of the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 should be amended to extend the contract period from 12 to 15 years.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H, Geoffrey Howe, Paul Channon and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,
Malcolm

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I thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of
March 10, 1988. The evidence from the FBI review
in favor of the program continues to mount. I
may attend the response to the FBI review
on March 15, 1988 and broadcast it on the
radio. I am copying this letter to the FBI and
attaching it to the FBI review.