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Dear Lord President,

I have seen Douglas Hurd's letter to you of 10 June and Nick Edwards' of 12 June about the proposed arrangements for Community Radio. ^{at Har}

I have to say that I share Nick's anxieties at the political implications of the proposed experiment and his view that we need to discuss this further. I am particularly concerned to establish the effectiveness of the proposed safeguards against political abuse, especially so far as local authority funded stations are concerned. It is by no means clear from Douglas's letter that they are adequate. I welcome the opportunity for a discussion, as now proposed, at H this week.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, the Home Secretary, the Industry Secretary, members of the H-Committee and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

JH Conard

Private Secretary

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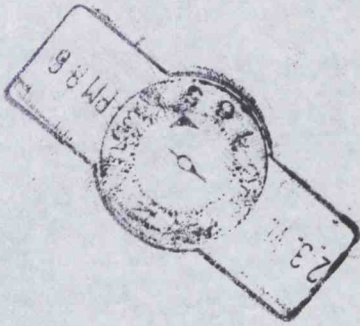
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(Approved by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence)

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