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PRIME MINISTER

PEACOCK REPORT

The Home Secretary's draft statement below seems to me to be in line with the conclusions of your meeting except for the half sentence marked at the foot of page 3. This would enshrine the view that broadcasting requires special regulatory arrangements, whereas you and others at the meeting felt there was a case for setting out the requirements through legislation.

One possibility would be to replace the passage marked by the phrase:

"but the Government are quite clear that any future system of controls must be no weaker than the present system."

Agree?

Yes no

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