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Thank you for copying to me your minute of 9th December with which you enclosed a copy of the policy brief for the British delegation at the forthcoming conference. *at flap*

There is a continuing defence requirement to use the high frequency spectrum for communication and other systems, and I therefore welcome efforts to introduce more spectrum efficient techniques. But I should sound a note of caution about the proposals to expand the broadcasting use of the spectrum at a future high frequency allocation conference, as these could pose difficulties from a defence point of view. Although I do not propose to provide a member of the delegation itself, it is important that my officials are kept informed of developments at the conference through the point of contact being established in your Department.

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP

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I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister,
Douglas Hurd, Paul Channon, John Moore and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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