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A meeting of this Group, chaired by the Prime Minister, is fixed for 15 October, in the last week that figures in the business to be considered at Sir Robert Armstrong's routine business meeting tomorrow.

This note is simply to put up a marker that we shall almost certainly need to ask the Prime Minister to take a further meeting of the Group in October, or just possibly early November. The reason is that the Home Secretary is pressing ahead with preparations for a Green Paper on radio policy, and this cannot be disentangled from wider Peacock issues. Peacock's proposals for privatising radios 1 and 2 are particularly relevant.

On present form, the meeting on 15 October will have a full agenda of issues clustering round the BBC licence fee, and could not consider the radio Green Paper as well. But Home Office officials are taking instructions from the Home Secretary on how he wishes to proceed and I will report again when I hear something further.

AJL

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