

From the Principal Private Secretary

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I understand that ITN have made representations against possible plans by the BBC to start a world television news service financed from public funds. I understand, too, that the Chancellor has written to the Home Secretary and the Foreign Secretary about this matter.

I should be grateful if you and the other offices concerned could ensure that the Prime Minister is kept fully in touch with correspondence on this issue.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Boys Smith (Home Office) and Tony Galsworthy (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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