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Dear Clare

GREEN PAPER ON RADIO POLICY

My Secretary of State has seen a copy of the Home Secretary's minute of 27 November, attaching a revised version of the green paper on radio policy. He has also seen David Norgrove's reply of 1 December and Andrew Lansley's reply of 2 December.

My Secretary of State is content with your proposals. They seem to strike the right balance between ensuring that the new radio stations are not open to abuse, political or otherwise, and enabling new enterprise to operate under a relatively lighter regulatory touch than that presently exercised by the IBA.

I would however like to raise one point of detail arising from your proposals. In view of the potential for radio interference from the new stations to a wide range of radio users, the Cable Authority will need to be given the powers and acquire the skills to enforce the radio interference requirements applicable to the stations it licenses. My Secretary of State is content for the handling of this point in the Green Paper, together with others in which this Department has a major interest, to be settled by officials.

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I am sending a copy of this letter to David Norgrove, to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary, members of MISC 128, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely
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