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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Vear George

Thank you for your letter of 24 November. As you can imagine the issues raised by this subject are complicated and we need to consider their long term implications.

Geoffrey Howe and his officials are working on the issues raised, but it will be some time before even preliminary decisions can be reached.

I can however assure you that if there were to be any Government involvement in external TV broadcasting, then we would certainly examine proposals from the private sector on their merits.

Cours somethy

The Right Honourable Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT.

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