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PRIME MINISTER

TELEVISION LICENCE FEE

I have seen a copy of the Home Secretary's minute to you of 11[✓] December concerning the handling of an announcement of decisions on the future of the licence fee and also of Mr David Winnick's Bill on licence fee concessions.

at this

I entirely agree with Douglas that the best course to take with the Winnick Bill is to vote it down at Second Reading. I also agree that the announcement on the licence fee must precede that vote. I do, however, have reservations about whether the right timing for this announcement is in the course of debate on the Winnick Bill rather than earlier in the week but perhaps that is something which Douglas, John Wakeham and I can discuss further.

I am copying this minute to all members of the Cabinet, John Wakeham, other members of Legislative Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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