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From the Private Secretary

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Television Licence Fee

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 11 December (as qualified by your letter to Nigel Wicks of 15 December) which proposed to announce in the Second Reading debate of Mr. Winnick's bill the Government's position on the television licence fee and the relevant recommendations of the Peacock Committee Report. The Prime Minister is content that these announcements should be made. She has noted the Lord Privy Seal's reservations about the timing and the Home Secretary will no doubt discuss this further with the Business Managers.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, to the Chief Whip, to other members of L Committee who are not members of the Cabinet and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

(DAVID NORGROVE)

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