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Nigel

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NEEDLETIME

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of ~~23~~ February to Douglas Hurd. I have also seen Douglas Hurd's reply of 23 March.

You suggested that we might usefully discuss the issue of needletime in E(CP). I would be quite happy to do so and propose to circulate a paper to the Committee in advance of its next meeting, which I understand is likely to be sometime in May.

I am copying this letter to Douglas Hurd and to other members of E(CP) and MISC 128.

Paul

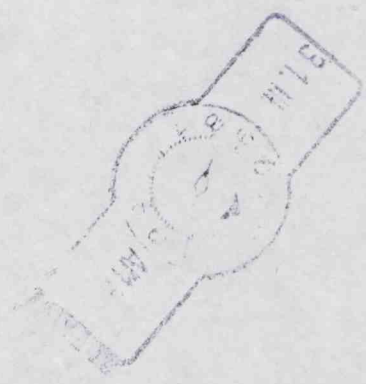
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Dear Nigel,

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Thank you for your letter of 23 February about the Green Paper on Radio, and the effect of needletime restrictions.

As you say, royalty payments for the broadcast of recorded music and the related question of needletime are matters on which Paul Channon has the lead. I share your concern, however, as reflected in the Green Paper, that these factors may inhibit the development of radio services which we envisage under a lighter system of regulation. I would therefore welcome the opportunity of airing the issues in E(CP), and would be glad to attend for this purpose.

Yours,
Nigel

The Rt Hon Nigel Lawson, M.P.

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