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Dear Nigel,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH BROADCASTERS

As your letter of 6 July records, it was agreed at the recent meeting between the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister that we would offer some suggestions of people whom the Prime Minister might get together for an informal discussion about the future prospects for the broadcasting world, in the light in particular of prospective technological developments.

I attach a list of people who because of their present positions and past experience should provide between them a wide range of experience and outlook on broadcasting matters. We have aimed to include people who, taken together, have knowledge of the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, independent productions, the prospective DBS service and non-DBS satellite services as well as cable.

Inevitably, I fear, most have a vested interest of some sort. But we have also included one or two names of people who, while not professionally engaged in broadcasting, are well informed observers of it, including Sir Alan Peacock (who needs no introduction), Mr Ray Snoddy (perhaps the leading specialist journalist), and Mr Charles Jonscher who took the leading part in our recent consultancy on subscription.

Yours sincerely,

P J C MAWER

Nigel Wicks, Esq.,

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IAN TRETHOWAN: Chairman, Thames Television (former Director General BBC, now Chairman of largest ITV company; Thames has a stake in Astra, the prospective non-DBS satellite service).

MR ~~ANDREW~~ QUINN: Managing Director, Granada Television (ITV network company; partner in BSB's DBS project and in Super Channel).

MR DAVID GRAHAM: Managing Director, Diverse Productions (independent producers; free market views; interested in new local television services).

MR DAVID McCALL: Managing Director, Anglia Television (Chairman of ITCA Council, non-network ITV company).

MR ~~RAY~~ SNODDY: Financial Times (one of the best informed and sharpest observers of broadcasting matters).

MR ROBERT PHILLIS: Carlton Communications (ITV experience - former Managing Director of Central Television, now operating outside the duopoly; known to have ideas for reforming the ITV network system).

of Richard Hooper
MR LEVISON: Joint Managing Director, Super Channel (formerly with Music Box, now with Super Channel. Experience of non-DBS satellite service aimed at cable in the UK and across Europe).

CHARLES JONSCHER: Managing Director, CSP (now part of Booz Allen). (Broadcasting economist; Home Office consultant on subscription; good general view of technical and economic prospects).

SIR ALAN PEACOCK

MR MICHAEL DARLOW: independent producers.

MR JOHN BIRT: Deputy Director General, BBC (BBC, ITV).

MR ~~BRIAN~~ WENHAM: Managing Director, BBC Radio (experience of ITV, BBC Radio and television. Has thought and written much about the future of broadcasting; shortly to leave the BBC).

MR ANDY BIRCHALL: Chief Executive (Premier film service for cable).

MR GRAHAM GRIST: Finance Director, BSB (DBS).

MR RICHARD FINDLAY: Radio Forth (a former pirate).

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