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I have told Philip  
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Ministerial Consideration of Broadcasting Policy

Thank you for your minute of 6 July. *at flap*

2. As the broad lines of broadcasting policy emerge and the main decisions are taken in MISC 128 under the Prime Minister's chairmanship, I think that it may well become possible for some of the detailed proposals to be considered in meetings of MISC 128 chaired by another senior Minister. But I doubt whether the time has come for that quite yet. The other senior Minister could only be the Lord President: I do not see how we could make use of the Lord Chancellor or the Lord Privy Seal for this purpose. I have no doubt that the Lord President would be prepared to take this on, and would discharge the duty faithfully; but it became clear at the meeting of MISC 128 earlier this week that he is not wholly in sympathy with every aspect of the policies which are likely to emerge from MISC 128, and it would be only fair to him to get the main lines of policy securely established before asking him to chair meetings on detailed proposals.

3. I think that we should revert to this idea in September, after the next meeting of MISC 128 under the Prime Minister's chairmanship has secured the main lines of the Government's policies.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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