



10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

*From the Private Secretary*

7 August 1987

The Prime Minister would like to hold a seminar to provide an informal discussion about broadcasting policy and the impact of prospective technological developments. The theme of the discussion would be:

Future prospects for the broadcasting world in the light, in particular, of prospective technological developments: and suggestions on how the Government should react.

As you will know, the Government is working towards the introduction of a major Broadcasting Bill setting the framework for the future development of broadcasting in the light of technological developments, and in the light of the analysis and recommendations of the Report of the Committee on Financing the BBC (the Peacock Report).

The Prime Minister would be grateful if you would take part in this seminar which will take place in the morning of Monday, 21 September, and be followed by lunch. If so I will send you later on a short note to provide a basis for discussion together with details of the timing of the seminar. I will also send you an admit card and lapel badge. Some of the participants will be invited to come prepared to speak briefly on particular items to get discussion going and I hope that, if asked, you would be happy to do that. I look forward to hearing whether you will be able to attend the seminar.

I am afraid, because of the very limited spaces available at No. 10, we shall not be able to make any special arrangements for car parking.

MIA

recipients

see overleaf

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Identical Letters sent to:

Sir Ian Trethowan	Chairman, Thames Television
Mr. David Graham	Executive Producer, Diverse Productions Ltd.
Mr. David McCall	Managing Director, Anglia Television
Mr. Richard Hooper	Joint Managing Director, Superchannel
Mr. Charles Jonscher	Managing Director, CSP International Ltd.
Sir Alan Peacock	
Mr. Michael Darlow	Independent Access Steering Committee
Mr. John Birt	Deputy Director General, BBC
Mr. Andy Birchall	Chief Executive, Premiere
Mr. Graham Grist	British Satellite Broadcasting Board
Mr. James Gordon	Managing Director, Radio Clyde
Mr. Michael Grade	Director of Programmes, Television, BBC
Mr. David Nicholas	Editor and Chief Executive, Independent Television News Ltd.
Mr. Ian McIntyre	BBC
(phoned) ✓ Mr. William Brown,	Chairman, Scottish Television
Mr. John Whitney	Director General, IBA
Mr. Jeremy Isaacs	Chief Executive, Channel Four
Mr. John Jackson	Chairman, Television Servicers International Ltd.
Mr. Tim Bevan	Working Title Ltd.
Mr. Kenneth Miles	Director, ISBA
Mr. Michael Green	Chairman, Carlton Communications plc
Mr. Ivor Cohen	Mullard Ltd.
Mr. Richard Price	Richard Price Associates - film producer
Mr. John Holt	Space and Communications Division, BAe
Mr. Nicholas Mellersh	Director, Cable Television Association

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Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

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Mr. J.W. Fairclough

Chief Scientific Adviser



Mr. Alastair Macdonald

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Professor Brian Griffiths

Mr. Bernard Ingham



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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

5 August 1987

Thank you for your note of yesterday to David about an invitation to the Prime Minister's seminar on technology and broadcasting. Certainly, I hope you will be able to come. We have not yet decided on attendance by officials but I will make sure that your name is not overlooked.

N.L. WICKS

John Fairclough, Esq.,  
Cabinet Office.



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when I get reference

MR ADDISON

At some stage we will need to decide whether officials can come to the broadcasting seminar. I suggest, if there is room, one from the Home Office, one from DTI and John Fairclough.

It would not be a catastrophe if they could not come to the lunch. The discussion in the seminar itself would be the important thing.

N. L. W.

**NIGEL WICKS**

5 August 1987



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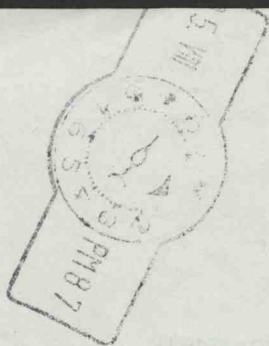
Dear David,

I would be  
interested in receiving an  
invitation to the Prime  
Ministers Seminar on  
Technology & Broadcasting if that  
were possible. Can you help?

Thank you.

John Farnham





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*From the Private Secretary*

4th August 1987

*Dear Mark,*

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Thank you for your letter of 27th July about the use of No. 12  
on 21st September for a seminar on broadcasting.

There will, of course, be no objection to No. 10 using the  
room for this purpose.

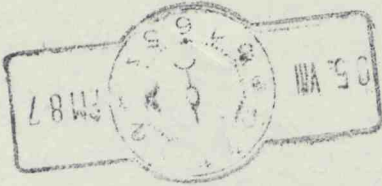
*Yours ever,*  
*Murdo*

MURDO MACLEAN

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



HOME OFFICE  
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE  
LONDON SW1H 9AT

4 August 1987

Dear Mark,

SEMINAR ON BROADCASTING

We spoke about your letter of 3 August. *with me.*  
As I indicated, we should be quite content for both Mr Brown and Mr McCall to be invited to the Seminar, assuming that you have places for both. If, however, you can only accommodate one, then we should not wish to dissent from the proposal that Mr Brown might replace Mr McCall. But if you can accommodate both, that would be preferable.

Yours sincerely,

*P J C Mawer*

P J C MAWER

Mark Addison, Esq



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*From the Private Secretary*

3 August 1987

Seminar on Broadcasting

The Prime Minister has considered the guest list for the Seminar. She is broadly content with the proposals set out in your letter of 30 July. She has, however, suggested that William Brown (Chairman, Scottish Television) might be added to the list. Alternatively, Mr. Brown might replace David McCall (Managing Director, Anglia Television). Her preference would be to include both. Could I have your views on the Prime Minister's suggestion as soon as possible please?

(MARK ADDISON)

Philip Mawer, Esq.,  
Home Office.

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MR PERKS

Bernard suggested that Brown replace McCall.  
The Prime Minister thinks it may be best  
to invite both.

(MARK ADDISON)

3 August 1987

MR. INGHAM

In David's absence next week I am dealing with the arrangements for the Broadcasting Seminar on 21 ~~October~~.

*September*

The Home Office have provided advice (their letter is attached) and the proposed list of those to be invited now looks as at Flag A.

I should be grateful for any comments before I put this into the Prime Minister for her approval.

*MA*

(MARK ADDISON)

31 July 1987