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From the Private Secretary

15 September 1987

Dear William

INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF PROGRAMME STANDARDS

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's minute of 8 September on the above. Her preliminary view is that there is indeed a strong case for establishing a statutory broadcasting council, to be announced soon. She feels that its remit should perhaps be strengthened, and that the choice of membership is crucial. Her view is that it would be important to appoint people who are known publicly to be concerned about the problem, and who are prepared to be tough with the broadcasters.

I know that the Prime Minister would like to discuss this further with the Home Secretary at their next bilateral.

I am copying this letter to Mike Eland (Lord President's Office) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours

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