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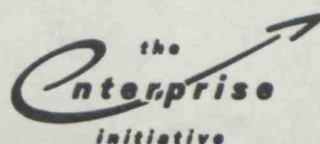
Dear Colin

MISC 128 : INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS

We have been discussing how best to meet the concern, outlined in Anthony Langdon's letter of 10 February to Alison Brimelow, that the broadcasting authorities might hear indirectly of the possibility of monitoring the contracts with independent producers.

Fortuitously, the Secretary of State has a long-standing meeting with Michael Darlow and some other members of the Independent Access Steering Committee (IASC), at 11 am tomorrow. In accordance with the remit from MISC 128 on 9 February he will therefore be seeking their reaction to the possibility of the Office of Fair Trading's wishing to see some details of their commercial contracts with the broadcasters.

I understand that officials here have been in touch with the Home Office Broadcasting Department and that the Home Office will advise the BBC, IBA and ITV Association informally of the





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possibility of OFT monitoring while the Secretary of State's meeting is in progress. This arrangement should forestall the kind of difficulty which Anthony Langdon raised in his letter.

My Secretary of State will be writing shortly to his colleagues on MISC 128 to report on the outcome of his discussions with the independents and on the other points MISC 128 asked him to pursue.

I am copying this letter to Anthony Langdon at the Cabinet Office.

Yours

Jeremy Godfrey

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