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PRIME MINISTER

MISC 128

Following the rearranged timetable you approved earlier in the week, the next meetings of the Committee will not be until 21 and 25 April.

Those will, however, be crucial meetings focusing on the issue of additional programme services. If you have time over the weekend, you might like to do some preliminary reading. The attached Cabinet Office brief by Mr Langdon most helpfully sets the scene; and the two MISC 128 papers provide fuller details.

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31 March 1988

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From the Private Secretary

MR. LANGDON, Cabinet Office.

MISC 128

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute to me of 25 March.

The Prime Minister does wish to chair the meetings on 21 April, 25 April and 4 May. She is content that the first two meetings should be devoted to additional programme services, and would be grateful if you could arrange for a presentation at the first meeting. For the 4 May meeting she would wish to add subscription/night hours to the agenda.

The Prime Minister would be content for meetings on items (v)-(viii) in paragraph 3 of your note to be chaired by the Home Secretary, on the basis that she would have an opportunity to feed in any comments on the papers beforehand and would receive a report from the Home Secretary following the meetings.

(PAUL GRAY) 28 March 1988