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Dear Alastair

HOME AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE: ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME SERVICES

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Quentin Thomas of 13 April.

As I said on the telephone, I cannot see any difficulty in your undertaking that Ministers will want to put the results of the technical studies in the public domain. However, it might be prudent to be a shade less forthcoming about publishing any financial and commercial assessments until MISC 128 have had a chance to consider this.

I am copying this to Wilfred Hyde, Quentin Thomas, Paul Gray, Brian Griffiths, Anthea Case and Tony Nieduszynski.

Yours

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Thank you for your letter of 13 April. *will request if required.*

The line which you propose to take if questioned on the availability of spectrum for additional programme services strikes me as admirable.

As you know, the Home Secretary advocated early publication of the results of the technical studies in his MISC 128 memorandum, and also indicated that he did not think that the possibilities at VHF were worth pursuing. So I expect that he will be happy to agree to early announcements on these matters as proposed by Lord Young in his letter of 12 April. However, as we acknowledged at MISC 129 this morning, an announcement about VHF probably has to await next week's MISC 128.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely

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