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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING OF MISC 128

Tomorrow's meeting is the first of two on additional programme services. The idea is to start tomorrow with a presentation by the DTI (probably led by Mr. McDonald). You might then want to have some initial discussion, but to leave substantive discussion and decisions until the second meeting on 25 April.

Key papers are:-

Flag A - the very helpful brief by Mr. Langdon dated 31 March, which you have already seen. This guides you through the issues.

Flag B - a supplementary brief covering the points raised in an exchange of letters between Lord Young (Flag C) and Mr. Hurd (Flag D).

Flag E - a note by Brian Griffiths distilling the key points and issues.

Flag F - a further note by Brian reporting on a meeting with Lord Young earlier this evening at which a major new technical factor emerged - namely that it may be possible to make adjustments within the existing span of the UHF spectrum. If there is anything in this it is a major new development which will have to be considered either tomorrow or at the 25 April meeting.

The formal papers for the meeting are in the two dividers. You may like to look at the summary paper 5, but I doubt if you need plough through the more detailed paper 4 by officials.

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You will recall your discussion at dinner last night with Sir Trevor Holdsworth about BSB. I have now made a provisional arrangement for him to come and see you on 3 May.

*Recd.*

PAUL GRAY

20 April 1988

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