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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear Philip,

I should be grateful if you could ensure that this letter is only seen by the Home Secretary for the reasons explained below.

Alastair Burnet has recently sent Bernard Ingham here a note about the future of ITN. When the Prime Minister saw the note, she commented:

"Has Douglas Hurd seen this paper? It is most impressive".

Our understanding is that the paper is Alastair Burnet's own work and is not yet formal ITN policy. It does, however, seem to represent thinking in ITN. Since the paper is not formal ITN policy, Alastair Burnet is anxious that it should be kept to a close circle. But he is aware that I am passing it to you for the Home Secretary's personal information only.

PS: The understanding is the PM's.

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