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Dear David,

ADDITIONAL DBS CHANNELS

Thank you for your letter of 7 June. I have also seen Nigel Lawson's letter of 13 June.

I agree that, for the reasons you mention, we should not take any action before the autumn to secure an additional allocation of DBS frequencies. In particular, it would be unfortunate at the present stage of the development of broadcasting policy, to commit ourselves to the introduction of additional DBS services by the end of 1993. In the early autumn, when the outcome of the World Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva is clear, we will need to review collectively our tactics and timing on applying for additional DBS channels, particularly bearing in mind the five year link between the date of application and the date on which frequencies are expected to be brought into use. In the meantime we will, as you say, have to keep our intentions well hidden.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, Members of MISC 128 and Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours,
Douglas*

The Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham

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