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From the Principal Private Secretary

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A little time ago the Managing Director of Yorkshire Television, Mr Clive Leach, sent the Prime Minister a memorandum with his views on television broadcasting. I attach a copy for your information.

I do not believe that any response is required to Mr Leach's memorandum. But you should know that the Prime Minister has noted with some concern his point, in paragraph 5 of the memorandum, that:

"Rightly or wrongly, the management of ITV companies came to believe that a "bad" (i.e. confrontational) record of labour relations would count heavily against them when it came to the renewal of franchises."

The Prime Minister would be disturbed if, as Mr Leach suggests, the situation he described in that paragraph represented IBA's policy.

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