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From the Principal Private Secretary

19 July 1988

Dear Philip,

I told you on the telephone yesterday that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the BBC had written to the Prime Minister to ask for the opportunity of a talk with her. A copy of Mr. Hussey's letter is attached.

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The Prime Minister has now agreed to see Mr. Hussey and Lord Barnett at 1700 hours on 14 September.

The talk will be in the nature of a general discussion and I do not think that any brief is required. But if there are any particular points which you think the Prime Minister should have in mind for the discussion, I should be grateful if you could let me have a note of them by 9 September.

Yours

Nigel Wicks

N. L. WICKS

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1700 on Wednesday

14th September

PRIME MINISTER

Duke Hussey telephoned me today about the request in his letter for his Deputy Chairman, Joel Barnett, and himself to come to see you for a talk. You had intimated that you would be prepared to see them, subject to your diary.

Duke Hussey said that the initiative for the talk came from Joel Barnett. He made clear that he was not pressing personally for it, and would not wish to bother you if you felt you were too busy. From all he said, it was clear that he would not be disappointed if the meeting did not take place, but Joel Barnett certainly would. Duke Hussey was fullsome about the support Joel Barnett gave him.

Personally, I think that it might be useful for you to have a relaxed talk with the two of them at an appropriate occasion. Tessa has found a time in the diary if you wished the meeting to take place before the Recess. This is some time in the afternoon of Friday 22 July. But that precedes a busy weekend (dinner for Lord Thorneycroft on Friday, lunch with Lord Shawcross followed by Glyndebourne on the Saturday, and dinner with Lord Westbury on the Sunday).

Content therefore for the meeting to take place after the summer, some time in the autumn?

Tessa

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N.L. WICKS

13 July 1988

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The attached minute, which you have seen, refers. I hope you will be able to see them before 8/7

- 1. MR. INGHAM
- 2. PRIME MINISTER



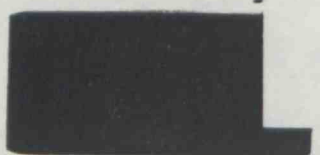
Would you like me to arrange a meeting as suggested? When would you like to see Mr. Hussey and Lord Barnett?

Tessa

Yes - but
look at the diary
not

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7 July 1988





FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MARMADUKE HUSSEY

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4th July, 1988

Dear Prime Minister

Joel and I have now been at the BBC nearly two years and we have never had an opportunity of discussing the Corporation with you. We had a meeting arranged but it clashed with the resignation and new appointment of the Director-General so I think everyone thought a meeting at that time would be inappropriate.

Joel saw Bernard Ingham last week and mentioned this and has subsequently had a call from him to the effect that you would welcome an opportunity to discuss all the BBC's affairs with us. No one would welcome it more than Joel and myself and if you were able to spare the time we would of course be delighted, either to welcome you here at Broadcasting House or to come to Downing Street if that was more convenient to you.

Perhaps your secretary could ring Miss Carole Haynes on 927 5802.

Yours sincerely

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
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London, S.W.1.