

PRIME MINISTER

I have attached to the Home Office note below your original copy of the Home Secretary's minute of 19 August on which Brian provided the stimulating brief at **Flag A**. Lord Young has now commented in his letter at **Flag B** (and the Treasury at **Flag C**). Lord Young's analysis in many ways backs up Brian's approach. Brian will be providing further advice in the light of the latest letters so that your views can be conveyed to the Home Office. But the point to note for this meeting is that the line on subscription in the Home Secretary's minute is unlikely to reflect the Government's final view, though you will not want to let the BBC know this, especially since the Home Secretary is not yet aware of this.

N.L.W.

(N. L. WICKS)

13 September 1988