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Rt Hon Douglas Hurd CBE MP Secretary of State for the Home Dept Home Office 50 Queen Anne's Gate LONDON SW1H 9BW Ren Pres 2/6

BBC NIGHT HOURS

I have seen your minute to the Prime Minister recommending that the BBC should keep both sets of night hours.

I agree that this is the right course to take given the other decisions we have taken. But I attach considerable importance to the corollary that we should use the financial lever of the licence fee to make sure that the Corporation develop subscription seriously.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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