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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 29 June.

She is content with the proposed arrangements for the tranmission tariff for the regional Channel 3 companies. She is also content with the terms of the proposed two Parliamentary Answers, subject to one point on the transmission announcement; she is concerned that the sentence on lines 9-11 on page 2 could be used by the BBC to obviate the ban on joint ventures with the private sector and she would be grateful if the Home Secretary would look again at this point.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of MISC 128 and to Trevor Woolley.

PAUL GRAY

Miss Catherine Bannister, Home Office