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GAELIC TELEVISION SERVICES

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I have seen a copy of Malcolm Rifkind's further minute of 13 July about his proposals to support Gaelic television services, and have since discussed this with him.

2. The issues need to be examined properly. I have agreed with him that officials from the Departments concerned should look into them first. There is clearly no point now in trying to reach a decision before the recess; and Tim Renton, who saw MPs representing Gaelic interests on 19 July, was able to play down expectations of an early announcement. We will have to make clear our policy before the Broadcasting Bill gets under way. I shall report when this work has reached a conclusion.

3. I am copying this to members of MISC 128 and Sir Robin Butler.

Catherine Banister

Approved by the Home Secretary
and signed in his absence.

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