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From the Private Secretary

31 July 1989

Dear Catherine,

PRIVATISATION OF THE BROADCASTING TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's letter of 27 July to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

She has noted that it is not proposed at this stage to give a public commitment to a target date for privatisation of the IBA's transmission system, and that further discussions are needed with the IBA about the practicalities of privatisation. However, in view of the factors identified in the penultimate paragraph of the Home Secretary's letter, the Prime Minister is reluctant to aim for privatisation at the earliest possible date of January 1991.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to Members of MISC 128 and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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