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*From the Private Secretary*

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*Dear Duncan,*

**NEWS FOR CHANNELS 3, 4 AND 5**

The Prime Minister has seen the Chancellor's minute of 27 July and the Home Secretary's minute of 4 August.

The Prime Minister agrees with the Chancellor's view that to supply regional news is sufficient: she considers that it would be impossible to adjudge "high quality" news. As far as the broadcasting of national news is concerned, she takes the view that Channel 3 licensees should be required to broadcast it simultaneously in the way proposed by the Home Secretary.

I am copying this to the Private Secretaries of the members of MISC 128, to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely  
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