

PRIME MINISTER

CHANNEL FOUR

During the holidays Douglas Hurd sent in proposals for the detailed implementation of the new regime for Channel Four that he announced in outline in June. His minute is at Flag A.

There are a number of specific points raised in the minute but they fall under two main headings:

- the arrangements for supervision and management of Channel Four;
- the financial arrangements.

Brian Griffiths has provided comments at Flag B. He sees major objection to the first set of issues, which he sets out under headings (a)-(d) in his minute. But he is content with the proposals on financial arrangements, covered under (e) in his minute.

The Chancellor (flag C) is broadly content with the Hurd package.

Content for me to minute out in the terms recommended by Brian?

Recd.

(PAUL GRAY)

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Totally agree with
 Brian Griffiths - Home Office
 must not fall for Labour's bid
 by Channel 4 lobby. Further Channel
 is provided as we follow the
 Griffiths suggestions. not