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*From the Private Secretary*

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Thank you for your letter of 26 September, which the Prime Minister has seen, together with Neil Thornton's letter to you of 3 October.

The Prime Minister continues to feel there may be substance in Mr. Shah's concerns, and she is strongly attracted to the possibilities for increasing the rigour of the 25 per cent independent production requirement set out in Neil Thornton's letter. She therefore looks forward to seeing the results of the outcome of the review currently being conducted by Mr. Renton. Meantime, she would be grateful for a sight of the relevant documents to which you refer in your letter which indicated that the coverage of the 25 per cent initiative would exclude certain categories of programmes.

I am copying this letter to Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry).

PAUL GRAY

Miss Catherine Bannister,  
Home Office.

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