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BROADCASTING BILL: REQUIREMENT FOR POLITICAL MESSAGES

The Prime Minister has now seen the latest papers on this, including your minute of 2 October. Before putting them to her I enquired into the background in relation to your point on commercial and local radio. I gather that there are presently no requirements on local radio stations - whether BBC or commercial, and the Home Secretary proposes to continue that practice. But all national radio stations, whether BBC or the new independent ones, will be included in the system. That seems to me a sensible distinction to draw.

The Prime Minister has now agreed to Douglas Hurd and the Lord President proceeding on the lines of the latest package - see my letter attached.

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