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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear Colin,

CHANNEL 4 TRUSTEES

During their bilateral yesterday, the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary discussed the way in which C4 trustees should be appointed. The Home Secretary said he had looked at various ideas for some to be appointed by the Government and some by the ITC, but he was not attracted to them. He felt it would be difficult for the ITC to take action in respect of a trustee whose performance was inadequate if that trustee had been appointed by the Government. He thought the best solution was for the ITC to nominate the trustees with the consent of the Government.

The Prime Minister repeated her concerns about allowing all the trustees to be appointed by people from elsewhere within the television industry. She also felt it was wrong for the ITC to be responsible both for appointing trustees and for regulating their performance.

It was agreed that the Home Secretary would discuss the issue further with Professor Griffiths before putting proposals to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely  
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