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From the Private Secretary

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BROADCASTING BILL: IMPARTIALITY

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's minute of 5 July. She has commented that the proposals represent a significant advance and she accepts the Home Secretary's judgement that the Government should not, at this stage, seek to bring the BBC directly into the scope of the Bill. Nevertheless, she very much hopes that it will be possible to secure from the Governors of the BBC an undertaking to adopt in their own guidance the more stringent requirements now being imposed on Independent Television. She hopes also that, if this can be done, it will be possible to persuade Lord Wyatt that his objectives have been met.

I am copying this letter to Robert Canniff (Private Secretary to Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster).

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