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Dear Douglas,

BROADCASTING BILL: QUALITY THRESHOLD

Thank you for your letter of 3 September <sup>kap</sup> conveying the Lord Privy Seal's advice on the handling of possible further amendments to the Broadcasting Bill following the defeat suffered by the Government in Committee on the group of amendments introduced by Baroness David.

Following the recent exchange of correspondence between the Home Office, No 10 and DTI, we agreed that the cleanest solution was for the Government to seek at Commons Consideration to reverse all the amendments in question. Consequently the question of reformulating those sections of the amendments which we had originally suggested might be accepted does not now arise. As you will no doubt now have seen, Mr Mellor announced the Government's decision to seek to delete these amendments at a speech to the Royal Television Society on 4 September.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of MISC 128 and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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