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BROADCASTING - IMPARTIALITY

I have been the subject of a lobby by ITN (Sir David Nicholas) and IBA (George Russell) over the Government's impartiality amendment to the Broadcasting Bill.

As a layman, I think they have a point. We are in danger of endless litigation.

Sir David and George Russell have separately sent me respectively a letter (Annex I) and a briefing note to peers (Annex II).

Sir David's letter reflects my oral advice to him over the telephone: if you cannot kill the amendment then for heaven's sake make sure that the Government puts on record what it does and does not mean by the amendment.



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