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The Rt Hon David Waddington QC MP  
Secretary of State for  
the Home Department  
Queen Anne's Gate  
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26 November 1990

Dear Home Secretary,

**BROADCASTING OWNERSHIP**

*... as requested if required.*

Your letter of 21 November to Peter Lilley asked colleagues to reconsider their objections to increasing from six to nine the number of areas designed as large.

Despite the possibility of a political reaction in relation to HTV or Scottish TV my view remains that the objectives of encouraging efficiency and providing for economies of scale can best be met by keeping the large areas to six while dispensing with the contiguity rule.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of MISC 128 and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely,

*Grie Hashing*

RICHARD RYDER

*(agreed by the  
Paymaster General  
and signed in his  
absence).*

