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Dear Alison,

MISC 128: INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS

In discussion of <sup>attached</sup> item 3 at yesterday's meeting of MISC 128 (MISC 128(88) 1st Meeting) it was agreed that your Secretary of State should, amongst other things, consult representatives of the independent producers to see that they would have no objection to information about their contracts being passed to the Office of Fair Trading, and this is recorded in the minutes that we shall be circulating today. The point was, in fact, one to which the Prime Minister attached a good deal of importance in discussion.

Since there was no mention at the meeting of consulting with the broadcasting authorities about the supply of this information to the Office of Fair Trading, the minutes will not say anything on that point. It occurs to me, however, that it might make for a confused situation if the broadcasting authorities got wind of an approach being made to the independent producers before they themselves had been consulted about the possibility of their supplying this information to the OFT. I thought it best, therefore, to put the point on the record in this letter, so that you and the Home Office can decide whether there is a handling point here and, if so, how to deal with it.

I am sending copies of this letter to Paul Gray, Philip Mawer and Trevor Woolley, and also to Wilfred Hyde and Alistair MacDonald who attended the meeting.

Yours ever

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