I attach a copy of a letter the Prime
Minister has received from Mr. Ingvar Carlsson,
Prime Minister of Sweden.

I should be grateful for advice and a draft reply to reach me by Monday 17 October.

Could you please co-ordinate your draft reply with Nick Sanderson (Home Office) to whom I am copying this letter.

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September 9, 1988

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of Sweden, to invite your Government to take part in the Second European Ministerial Conference on Mass Media Policy to be held in Stockholm on 23 and 24 November 1988 at the Stockholm Conference Centre.

The theme and sub-themes of the Conference shall be as follows:

Theme: European Mass Media Policy in an international context.

General introduction: Sweden

I. European implications of the development of national and multinational media systems

Rapporteur: Portugal

II. International circulation of European audio-visual works

Rapporteur: United Kingdom

Apart from consideration of the aforementioned themes and sub-themes, the Conference will also have the opportunity to hear a communication from the presidency of European Cinema and Television Year on the principal conclusions to be drawn from the main events organised in the framework of the Year's European programme.

The Governments of all the member States of the Council of Europe, as well as Finland and the Holy See, shall be invited to take part in this Conference. The Nordic Council of Ministers and the European Broadcasting Union shall be invited to attend in an observer capacity. A delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and of the Commission of the European Communities, as well as the Chairmen of the Steering Committee on the Mass Media and of the Council for Cultural Co-operation shall also be invited to attend.

I would be most grateful if you would inform me whether you are able to accept this invitation and indicate the Minister or Ministers who will attend the Conference as well as the names of the other members of your Government's delegation.

The full draft agenda, the Conference Programme and the working documents will be forwarded in due course to participants.

Please accept, Prime Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Ingvar Carlsson

PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 22 November 1988

8.00 pm

Buffet-dinner given by the Swedish Government

at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Wednesday, 23 November 1988

9.00 am

Opening of the Conference by the Secretary General of

the Council of Europe, Mr Marcelino Oreja

followed by:

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Europe, Mr Marcelino Oreja

Election of the Chairman

Election of two Vice-Chairmen

Adoption of the Agenda

9.45 am

European Mass Media Policy in an International Context -

general introduction by the Swedish Delegation

followed by:

European implications of the development of natinal

and multi-national media systems - presentation of the

report of the Portuguese Delegation

International circulation of European audio-visual

works - presentation of the report of the British

Delegation

European Cinema and Television Year - communication by

the Presidency of the Year

(short interval)

11.00 am (in closed session)

Debate on the report presented by the Portuguese

Delegation

1.00 pm

Luncheon offered by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Ministers and other Heads of

Delegation

3.00 pm (in closed session)

Debate on the report presented by the Portuguese

Delegation (continued)

5.00 pm (in closed session)	Debate on the report presented by the British Delegation
6.00 pm	Close of Session
6.45 pm	Departure by coach to Uppsala
[7.30 pm	Possible meeting of the CDMM]
8.00 pm	Dinner given by the Swedish Government at Uppsala castle

Thursday, 24 November 1988

9.00 am (in closed session)	Debate on the report presented by the British Delegation (continued)
11.00 am (in closed	Debate on, and adoption of the Draft Resolutions and Declaration
12.30 pm	Closing speech by the Chairman
12.45 pm	Close of the Conference
1.00 pm	Press Conference

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