

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

MISC 128 MEETING ON 20 APRIL

I discussed with Anthony Langdon this morning the preparations for the MISC 128 meeting on 20 April. I said that as a minimum I thought that meeting needed to take stock of the outstanding issues in the light of representations on the broadcasting White Paper. But there might be some points on which detailed decisions would have to wait until a later meeting. Anthony agreed, and said that he would take this line at next week's meeting of the official group; he would then report back to me.

I told him that the Home Secretary had now written round (15 March) on the issue of non-EC control of cable and local delivery operators (Anthony's minute of 10 March refers). We agreed that there seemed no need for any meeting on this issue before the MISC 128 session on 20 April; and that hopefully the issue could be sorted out in correspondence before then. Meantime we agreed that I would not trouble the Prime Minister with the Home Secretary's letter until other Ministers had responded.

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