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The Rt Hon David Waddington QC MP  
Secretary of State  
for the Home Department  
50 Queen Anne's Gate  
LONDON SW1

*Dear Secretary of State*

**BROADCASTING BILL: INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION**

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Thank you for copying your minute of 9 November to me. I have also seen the Prime Minister's views, recorded in her Private Secretary's letter of 14 November.

I am content with your proposal that the proposed statutory duty on television companies, to use at least 25 per cent independent production should be related to programmes transmitted rather than commissioned. However I would prefer to see any delay in implementing the target limited to six months unless there is substantial evidence that, for independent productions, the average period between commission and transmission is significantly greater.

I also agree the present exemptions should be retained, subject to the qualifications expressed by the Prime Minister.

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

*Yours sincerely*

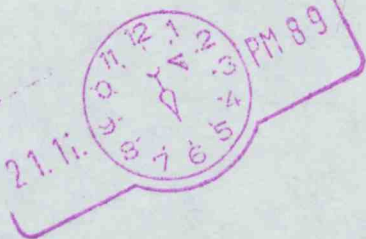
*John Major*

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*[ Approved by the Chancellor and signed on his behalf ]*

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