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Dear David

REGULATION OF PRIVATISED IBA TRANSMISSION COMPANY: DRAFT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT LICENCE

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Thank you for your letter of 27 February about the draft
Telecommunications Act Licence for the privatised IBA
transmission company. I have also seen Peter Lilley's
response of 26 February.

I am disappointed that we cannot agree on the exact terms of
the ownership restrictions to be applied to the company but,
in the circumstances, I am content to agree to your suggestion
that the licence is tabled without them. We can then consider
the question collectively at slightly more leisure. You will
need, however, to make it clear to the Committee that
ownership restrictions are being considered and will be
announced later.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Chief
Secretary, the Chief Whip, Sir Robin Butler and Sir John
Fairclough.

John Major
Secretary



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