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BROADCASTING BILL

I have seen your minute of 22 February to the Prime Minister about the progress that has been made on the Broadcasting Bill and the amendments that you consider necessary to ease its passage through both Houses.

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I think it would be helpful for a meeting of Ministers to be arranged to discuss your proposals. The meeting could also perhaps consider other related items of business such as the cross-ownership regime between terrestrial TV licensees and the providers of non-domestic satellite services about which we corresponded some weeks ago.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to other Members of MISC 128, to Kenneth Baker, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Brooke and to Sir Robin Butler.

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