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From the Private Secretary

3 April 1990

Dear Colin,

BROADCASTING BILL: TRANSITIONAL NETWORKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Prime Minister was grateful for the Home Secretary's minute of 30 March. She has noted that the Home Secretary proposes to make it clear that the ITC would play no part in the actual operation of the transitional networking arrangements proposed. She is, however, concerned that the proposals would involve additional large powers for the ITC. In particular, she wonders why the ITC's approval for the practical arrangements for the operation of the network during the transitional period should be required. She is concerned that giving an additional power to the ITC of this sort could reinforce the influence of the existing large ITV companies.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of MISC 128, to Jim Gallagher (Scottish Office), Stephen Leach (Northern Ireland Office) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

*Yours,
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