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*Prime Minister*

In the absence of an announcement about the new Chairman of the BBC I presume that you have decided against an editor/Chairman.

It is so important to get the right man that I wonder if I might make a second suggestion. What about Robin Day? He is very able, a constitutionalist and lawyer and he shares our view about the responsibility of broadcasting. His views were put in the second half of a television programme on Saturday night and I am sending round a transcript as soon as it comes from the BBC.

The appointment of Robin Day would also be very popular and would be widely praised. The BBC themselves could hardly complain. Ex-politicians of both Parties, academics and industrialists have all had a shy at it and the BBC establishment has run rings round them.

Do you think the Chairman of the BBC should be made a full time appointment? To do so would put in proper balance the responsibilities of the Director General and Chairman.

*Yours*  
*Gordon Reece*

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