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NOTE FOR RECORD

Peter Hardiman Scott and David Glenroese called on me today to say that in the light of the difficulties in reaching agreement between the Parties on a special series, they were prepared to make a revised offer. The offer is as follows:-

2 x 10 minute broadcasts to the 'Yes' votes
and 2 x 10 minute broadcasts to the 'No' votes
or 2 x 15 minute broadcasts to the 'Yes' and 'No' votes
instead of 4 x 10 minute broadcasts to the 'Yes' and 'No' votes

These broadcasts would not be PPBs. They would be a special series of Referendum Broadcasts.

The broadcasts would go out between 6.00 and 7.00 pm in Scotland and Wales on the 22 and 23 February and the 26 and 27 February. It would be for the Parties to bring together suitable 'umbrella' organisations.

The Broadcasters indentified 3 'Yes' and 2 'No' umbrellas in Wales and 5 'Yes' and 3 'No' umbrellas in Scotland.

The Broadcasters would be prepared to accept PPBs in the period on the understanding that there was no 'fragmentation' in Scotland and Wales and that the Referendums were not referred to in any such broadcast.

A decision this offer is required by Wednesday, 7 March. *Feb.*

Mr. Maclean

5 February 1979