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From the Private Secretary

16 January 1980

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's letter of 9 January about independent television. She has also seen the Chancellor of the Exchequer's minute of 15 January on the subject.

The Prime Minister is content that the Home Secretary should introduce the Broadcasting Bill and go ahead with the proposal for the fourth channel on the agreed basis. She nevertheless agrees with the Chancellor of the Exchequer that it would be preferable not to close the option of amending the levy provisions at a later stage of work on the Bill, if a practicable scheme can be devised in time. I would be grateful if you could ensure that we are kept in touch with the progress of work on the possibilities.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Martin Hall at the Treasury.

M. A. PATTISON

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