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My dear Prime Minister

REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO CABLE EXPANSION AND
BROADCASTING POLICY

I have now received the Report of Lord Hunt's Inquiry into Cable Expansion and Broadcasting Policy. I have not yet had time to study it myself, but I thought that you and our colleagues on E Committee would like to see the report at the earliest opportunity. I propose to publish the Report at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 October.

Lord Hunt has drawn our attention to the fact that commercial interest in the Inquiry's report is such that any leakage could have Stock Market implications. It is in any event desirable that a report which is to be published as a Command Paper should be confidential until publication, but the City dimension makes it all the more important that it should remain so until 12 October.

I am copying this letter to our colleagues on E Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.