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PRIME MINISTER

The Secretary of State for Education and Science has sent me a copy of his minute to you of 7th December. As he says, he has consulted me about his proposals. My concern is two-fold: that the Study Group's report should not be made to carry weight beyond what it can properly bear, and that the Government should not in any way give the impression that it is telling the Board of Governors of the B.B.C. and the Members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority how they should carry out the duties conferred on them by Charter and Statute. I feel confident that the Secretary of State's proposals will avoid these risks, and on that basis am happy to go along with them.

I am sending a copy of this minute to him and to the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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