



10 DOWNING STREET

cc to Security: Intercept Part 4

From the Principal Private Secretary

3 February 1983

Dear Jonathan,

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL: LITTLECHILD REPORT

The Prime Minister discussed with your Secretary of State, Mr. Baker and other Ministers and officials this afternoon the statement attached to your Secretary of State's minute of 2 February about the Telecommunications Bill.

The conclusion of the meeting was that the opening to competition of maintenance of all new call routing apparatus should be phased in gradually over a period of at least three years, and four years if possible. The Prime Minister asked your Secretary of State to arrange for the draft statement to be amended in consultation with the Home Office (Mr. R.J. Andrew), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Mr. P.R.W. Wright), and Sir Robert Armstrong and for a revised draft to be circulated with your Secretary of State's minute of 2 February as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to John Halliday (Home Office), Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Lyon (Northern Ireland Office) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Your sincerely,

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