

PRIME MINISTER

You asked Lord Young and Douglas Hurd to investigate urgently the plans put forward by Andrew Neil of Sky Television. When you spoke to them last week you envisaged the possibility of a further discussion early in March.

We have now had in comments from the Department of Trade and Industry (Flag A), the Home Office (Flag B) and, in the case of the House of Commons' sound feed, from the Lord President (Flag C). I suggest you work through the papers in that order. You will see that, on a number of points, the Departments indicate that further discussions are now under way, and that there is a possibility of some measures to help Sky. I think it would be premature to have a further discussion until that work has been completed.

Content to note these interim replies and ask for a further report in a fortnight?

PRG.

Yes not

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