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DIVISION: Office of the Vice Minister of State, Communications and Information

SUBJECT: Addressing the need for a national news service

Following the ineffective operation of the Gotzborg Eagle publication as the national news service of choice for the Royal Government, this Ministry ceased the operation of the Eagle earlier this week. It has been determined by this Ministry that a requirement does still exist for an operable, effective, and efficient national news service.

This Ministry has decided to investigate options for the distribution and coverage of national news via a Gotzborg-based media service following an expression of interest by Mr. Hugh O'Neill of the Ansbach-Cibola Zeitung publication. Mr. O'Neill has proposed that private entities be permitted access to the Gotzborg Eagle license so that they may report under that banner without the need for the Royal Government to relinquish its ownership of the title.

In such a licensing scenario, this Ministry would permit private media entities to report under the Gotzborg Eagle banner in exchange for a licensing fee payable to the Home Office at intervals determined through franchising agreements. This Ministry will be in contact with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to fully explore the viability of such a system prior to any official response to the O'Neill proposal.

At this time, the Vice-Minister welcomes, and encourages, public input as to the best way to reform and rebuild the national news service to the benefit of all interested parties.

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