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Thank you very much for your time this morning. It was interesting to discuss the various issues with you and I am delighted that you intend to take such an open approach to the forthcoming legislation.

I am particularly delighted to hear that, contrary to the White paper, the Government is prepared to consult on the foreign ownership prohibitions.

Thank you also for your advice on other key individuals who are working on the proposals for Communications reform.

We will get back to you in the near future with more detailed ideas about the potential structure of OFCOM and on possible scenarios to replace the arbitrary ownership regimes.

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