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Dear Sirs,

RE: BBC - YOUR SAY

The BBC's Independence must be maintained and must not be influenced particularly by the government of the day.

The current fad for political correctness and other farcical considerations must be ignored.

It must not be hived off into separate regions and must remain with complete cover for all of Britain as at present.

Costs must be cut and this would be simple enough.

Why not call in specialist consultants to do this for you as I am sure you will find numerous reasons for not doing it sufficiently by yourselves.

For example, why do you need so many correspondents? Separate ones are not needed for BBC 1, BBC2, Radio 1, 2, etc. One reporter can cover for them all

Why is it necessary to have two people reading the news? It is not hard work.

Why do newsreaders have to be so highly paid?

Out of work actors could do it just as well for half the money.

You would say they have to be experienced journalists to ask appropriate questions.

Nonsense, half the time they are reading previously prepared questions, and if they did not ask any questions it would not matter. Most of the time one cannot make out what the interviewees are saying. And that often applies to British people like the Scots with their accents.

Indeed received BBC English should be used all the time and then everyone would understand what is being said. So many people cannot understand local dialects and accents.

Yours faithfully,

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