

11.3.04

Dear Sir,

In reply to the leaflet concerning the BBC charter review I would like to make the following comments.

I value the BBC's independence most of all. It must continue to be non-political and represent unbiased views regardless of pressures from above. I think that the BBC must remember that this country is predominately English, Welsh and Scottish, and programmes should reflect this, not over-the-top political correctness. I am appalled that the BBC does not show football games when the home countries play. It is significant that the French and Germans always do so.

I expect the programmes on BBC to be of better quality and 'class' than other channels and indeed they usually are.

In recent years I feel the BBC has concentrated too much on cheap quizz and games shows, pseudo documentaries (fly on the wall) and not enough quality drama.

..... There are virtually no classical concerts on BBC TV yet I find at least one a week on German TV. There are no variety shows as we used to see and the modern comedy programmes are, on the whole peurile, smutty and unfunny.

I know little of modern technology but BBCi seems very good.

I believe the BBC has gone too far on attempting to please all cultures and to be politically correct.

The BBC should continue to run its commercial services, they seem to be both useful and profitable.

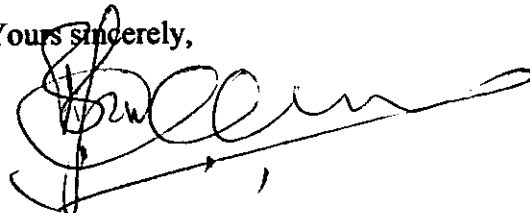
I am very happy with paying the TV licence and I think it is very good value. Compared with paying for an evening at the theatre or cinema it is extremely cheap.

The BBC Governors should continue to regulate the BBC on behalf of the general public. You do not say how these governors are selected. It seems to me to be vital that they are apolitical and reflect a cross section of views. As well as the Governors, separately from them should be a panel of executives, who again should not be political. These executives should oversee how the BBC is run internally, yet be responsible to the Governors who will have the power to remove an executive if required. Again, you do not say how many governors there are, but I would suggest at least a quarter of these are replaced every three years.

I believe the BBC is the best service in the world and it's available to everyone. I would hate to see a subscription service or TV commercials every twenty minutes. I hope this review is a positive one, and not a way in which multinational concerns or political elements try to influence the BBC's status or broadcasts.

At one time our education service was the best in the world, but it has been reviewed and updated and altered by progressionists to the extent that we have failed our coming generations. Let us hope the BBC has more sense.

Yours sincerely,



B. DEEM