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for Michelle McCarthy, or colleague

BBC Charter Review

From a recent Parliamentary Reply of Tessa
Sowell to Alastair Carmichael (Orkney + Shetland,
lit. Sec.) ^{in Shetland Times, 12-3-04} I note that TV Licensing is not a Govern-
-ment body but an arm of the BBC, and is
consequently within the province of the Charter Review.
As a frequent recipient of TV Licensing's hectoring
letters for non-use or -ownership of a television
set (I am now 60), it is time that TV Licensing's zeal
was curbed and brought to heel. Its officers clearly

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Greetings. Your mascot - kaffet - your BBC -

1) Value most? - Music (Radio 3), arts, news, comedy.
Also local radio - Radio Cumbria; and (pre ~~the~~
James Boyle's era) Radio Shway.

- I am ~~an~~ a non-TV user; radio only.

- BBC should keep itself independent of Govt.

Yours, Jeremy Goodwin

regard non-TV-users as derisive aberrants,
deceitful, from the lower orders of society,
Despite remonstrations by me, at national
(Bristol) and regional (Somerset) level, they've set
their hearts on a personal visit, i.e. asserting
that I am a liar on grounds that some are,
~~I resent this.~~ Their threatening language
will alarm the elderly or timorous, and not all
are able to reply to officialdom, feeling abused
by the dictation. Regional staff don't report to Bristol
and Bristol's telephonists (I was rung up as well) don't
report to head of section. All v. inefficient and of
low morale. This Us v. Them principle is corroding Bristol society
a) part of our decline as nation!

Yours sincerely,
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