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Dear B.B.C.,

In response to your leaflet concerning the Charter Review, I honestly think I might go mad without the B.B.C.

I don't go out much now, because I am 71 + have osteoporosis, but I am quite content. I might become totally self-centred if I did not have a reliable source of news, not just about domestic issues but the international ones.

I always try to listen to *From Our Own Correspondent*, I can still remember some items from years ago - a description of the smell of a mortuary when the electricity is cut off, and the horror of a cell of prisoners in Rwanda which was so crowded with men whose feet were so affected by gangrene that if the correspondent

had stepped on their feet she would have squashed them. You don't get that ring of truth so much from T.V because it is visual + all its presentations are geared to that. The pictures are better on radio.

I value programmes like File a Tar and many others, the Archive Hour, Radio 3 Jazz Record Requests, Radio 2's Desmond Carrington etc.

I barely watch T.V as my black + white set, I don't have access to online services etc, so I won't comment on that, but I realise it is impossible to consider funding without taking the BBC as a whole. All I can say is that I think the taxpayer should be prepared to do enough to safeguard the future our of precious heritage, by supplementing the licence fee.

Yours sincerely
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