

Mar 19th 2004.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I read with interest your letter in our local evening newspaper about the renewal of the B.B.C. charter + wanting the public's views.

I question the sentence:

"The only certainty is a strong B.B.C. independent of Government".

I, + many of my friends + colleagues remain (have become over the last 2/3 years) extremely sceptical about the B.B.C. independence of

THIS government & are convinced
of political influence.

Any Charter MUST establish
the B.B.C's total independence by
law ~~there~~ must be a ban on
any politically coloured appointments
or any other influence — but, as
I say, much of the public is
sceptical of this — although we
do retain a greater respect for
the B.B.C. than the government.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. S. S.