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BBC Charter Review Consultation  
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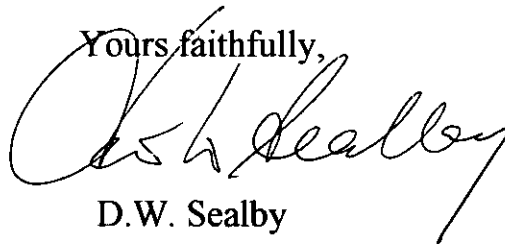
Dear Sirs

The BBC is a national institution which should be permitted to continue to provide all the existing services. The funding may be by an annual levy or directly from the Treasury as long as there is an independent committee established to determine an appropriate level of funding.

The BBC should continue to present news, information and educational programmes together with light entertainment. These programmes should not succumb to 'dumbing down' or portray violence and low moral behaviour to such an extent as to encourage viewers - particularly children and young teenagers - to copy them. This latter problem is now greatly increased by many children having television sets in their bedrooms so that the '9 o'clock watershed' is no longer having the desired result.

An independent body should be established to ensure that the BBC maintains the higher standards to be incorporated in the next Charter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.W. Sealby', written over the typed name below.

D.W. Sealby