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The Chairman,  
BBC Charter Review, Consultation.  
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Dear Sir

①<sup>a</sup> The BBC has quite a good mix of features. Both on T.V. and Radio.

①<sup>b</sup> BBC 1 & 2. should avoid having the same sort of thing on at the same time. Eg Sport, or even Drama, etc. Have an alternative feature to give choice.

①<sup>c</sup> More local features. There are only a few seconds within local news bulletins. Have some of these during the Christmas season. Making a refreshing change to dramas and films. Eg. A day in the New Forest, or Norfolk Broads etc. Even Small Market Towns would be interesting.

② As there are only 24 hrs a day, the vast extra choices is awesome. Thus the new technology is not too urgent!

③ Before switching off Analogue Broadcasting, please make sure people can receive Digital Transmissions. At the moment it is difficult to receive Radio Solent in St Lawrence & Ventnor Undercliff. Even though there is a transmitter on the Downs nearby. (Boniface!), 96.1 FM is nil. 99.9mw has often to compete with foreign interlopers. Radio 5 & Classic F.M often the reception is also poor.

Down here we can't receive Channel Five T.V. either. This is to show how some areas have difficulties in receiving things now! Digital will be even worse!

④ The Radio Times, Videos are all useful to raise revenue for B.B.C. Easier access to these would be useful. Especially videos!

⑤ Just as there is a different charge, colour & monochrome T.V. Perhaps there could be a cheaper charge for Analogue T.V. Because there is so much more on Digit Broadcasts. Perhaps people could pay abit more for these!

⑥ Rather than having various groups in charge. One organising body in charge would be useful. With just one chairman or governor in control. "Where the buck stops!"

⑦ The B.B.C should be free of Political & Parliamentary control.

⑧ A general agency to oversee all Broadcasting Standards, would be useful. This would oversee all groups. Not just BBC.

This would maintain good standards. And ensure freedom from political interference. Also to make sure, that one person does not own all the networks!

⑨ Good luck! with the new Charter. I hope BBC T.V. and Radio stations are all allowed to remain. With the same degree of excellence! as now.

Yours sincerely

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