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Dear Sirs,

I understand that you are seeking views from the public about the future of the BBC and this has prompted me to write to you about BBC television.

1. I wish that you would dispense with the background music which is extremely annoying on some of the programmes: in fact one can hardly hear what is supposed to be coming over the airwaves on occasions.

2. Now that the House of Commons is working more normal hours, there seems to me to be no reason why the evening news cannot be extended and broadcast at 9 pm instead of 10 pm as it used to be: that is one hour in all.

3. As evidenced by the large number of people who take part in the nationwide tests, we are not all so stupid that we have to be fed with brain washing soaps, so let us have Panorama at prime time, say 8 pm on BBC1.

4. Some of the weather forecasts are so crammed into a slot that it is difficult to absorb what is said.

5. It is disappointing to find that some half hour programmes are shortened at the beginning and end.

6. I should like to suggest that we have more documentary and factual programmes such as how milk is brought to the doorstep, ie from cow through production to supermarkets or doorstep; how fruit and vegetables are canned; how cars are produced; how gas, electricity and petrol are produced and delivered to my home; and other everyday items.

I hope the above points can be taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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