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Dear Secretary of State

I enclose for your personal attention
a copy of a letter sent to
the Dept. of Culture etc.

Chapman
26.05.05

BBC Charter Review,
Department for Culture, Media and Sport,
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

BBC Charter Review
Green Paper Consultation

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Thank you for your letter dated 4th April 2005 enclosing the publication under the above heading, and the accompanying questionnaire.

The completed questionnaire is returned herewith, but I feel it incumbent upon me to write this covering letter, which should be incorporated into the questionnaire as the response to its final question 'Have Your Say'.

First, it is my view that the media, and particularly the media of television, exercises a profound influence in shaping the culture of British Society. I believe particularly that the morality, and the associated behaviour, of all sections of society, especially perhaps of the younger people of our society, is deeply (even if perhaps in many cases, unconsciously) influenced by the media.

I believe that the television media in particular, including the BBC, have failed to inculcate the highest standards of morality and behaviour in our society. Indeed, I would argue that the BBC has contributed to the poor standards of morality and behaviour in our society. I believe that the object of the BBC in particular should be to uphold morality and good behaviour in society, and this should be the paramount criterion in the review of the BBC Charter. The questionnaire seems devoid of any reference to this crucial aspect.

The questions asked in the questionnaire seem in certain cases to be very vague (e.g. the question about the Public Purposes of the BBC), and capable of a wide interpretation, depending on the views of the BBC programme makers and producers.

Second, there seems no direct reference to music, in particular 'classical' music, and the BBC orchestras. BBC Radio 3 has in my view strayed from its original purpose, and I consider that the role of music (including opera) should be considered in the BBC Charter review, and greater emphasis placed upon the radio broadcast, and television broadcasts of more classical music (including opera).

To avoid any confusion upon the expression of 'morality' in this letter, I am writing to you as a committed Christian, and am concerned with Christian morality, although I accept that I live in a multi-cultural society.

I am sending a copy of this letter to my Member of Parliament, and the Secretary of State for Culture.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy Chapman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

(ROY CHAPMAN)