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BBC Charter Review,
Department for Culture, Media and Sport,
2-4 Cockspur Street,
London SW1Y 6DH.

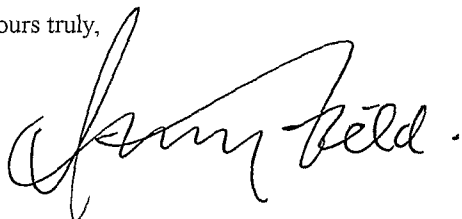
Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to your advertisement "Your BBC, Your Say" I do not know what your specific questions and options are but I do know I value the BBC services enormously. I consider it essential that the Treasury continues to fund the BBC and am aware that the licence to operate a television set is quite a separate matter. The BBC radio and overseas (World) service is one of the great British achievements.

I would suggest that having agreed the basic government grant to continue the BBC establishment and its news services there should be a separate independent body (rather like the Arts Council of Great Britain was) to finance specific television programmes of quality whether the South Bank Show (ITV1), Countdown (Channel 4), Question Time (BBC1) or Top Gear (BBC2) as examples.

I should welcome the chance to participate in any future discussions you might have on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Field". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'F'.