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

Your BBC. Your Say

What I would like to see the BBC do in future is to defend itself much more vigorously against political interference. The way the BBC caved in after the totally biased Hutton Report was pathetic. The Hutton Report was just a government whitewash. I realise that you are in an awkward position when your charter is up for renewal but there would be an uproar if the government were accused of blackmailing the BBC into distorting facts by threatening to withdraw the charter. It is the people who pay the licence fee and we are entitled to an impartial report into the news of the day. We do not want Mr. Campbell telling you what to say. Andrew Gilligan may have expressed the facts in his own style but the basic facts have been shown to be true and the BBC should have rejected the Hutton Report instead of cravenly apologising.

The BBC has always been renowned world wide for its news bulletins and impartial reports but now I always wonder if the reports have been modified by a politician leaning on the reporter. We must have absolute trust in the BBC's truthfulness.

I notice that Channel 4 is showing a film about David Kelley next week. It sounds a bit exaggerated but at least it is giving a different point of view from the Hutton Report.

Yours faithfully,



(T.K. Jefferson)