B.B.C Charter Review.
Dept for Culture,
Media and Sport.
2-4 Cockspur Street,
LONDON. SW1Y 5DH.

21st March 2005.

Dear Sirs,

I am a 77 year old pensioner, living with my wife Enid aged 72, who both rely heavily on the B.B.C for both Television and Radio.

We have a radio in each room of the house, all tuned to 198 Longwave excepting the one by our bed, which is permanently tuned to Radio 5.

Our listening tastes are always the Today programme, the Morning Service, ~~the Wed~~ Yesterday in Parliament and of course the late Alistair Cooke, who is greatly missed.

We never listen to Radio Leicester or Fosseway Radio and we know few of our friends who do. Cutting out all local radio would seem to be the solution to some of your financial problems.

Our T.V viewing is fairly catholic, but one of our favourite items is C-Span's Washington Journal on the Parliamentary Channel. What cannot be understood is why C.Span has to vanish when Parliament isnt sitting! We would prefer a daily dose of C.Span not the limited amount that now persists. We have four American grandchildren and when we are visiting the U.S.A. C-Span shows House of Commons question time each Wednesday without fail. It is very popular in America.

We both like and cherish the B.B.C. Originally we hail from Lancashire but deplored the B.B.C employing Wilfred Pickles reading the news. Frank Phillips, Alvar Lidell, and lately Brian Perkins are the B.B.C voices we like to hear. Any regional accents should be avoided. Finally Test Match Special is always a winner!

Trusting these few remarks will be of assistance

Yours faithfully
George Rainford.