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Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown MP
 The Chancellor of the Exchequer
 The House of Commons

Dear Mr. Brown,

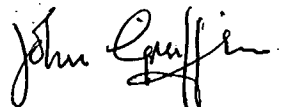
BBC Charter Review/Renewal

First of all, commiserations to Scotland on loosing the match in Cardiff last Saturday. As a Welshman, I am sure that but for that infringement, you would have won; your side were the fittest and showed how to play attacking rugby right up to the end. In this part of the world we have always admired the sporting approach the Scots have to the game. My father used to tell us of a pre-war international, that Scotland won and the star of the match was a three quarter by the name of Gracey(?). The Welsh spectators carried him off the pitch shoulder high.

Anyway, enough of these serious matters, may I turn to the subject of the BBC and its charter? I suspect that The Treasury will be keeping an eye on the imminent discussions even though the principal governmental player will be The Department for Culture and the Arts. If that assumption is correct, would it be possible for you to encourage the Corporation to support the concept of Britishness? The BBC particularly failed in this support when it announced the abandonment of Radio 4's morning Theme Music. This move will destroy a national emblem which skilfully embodies fond examples of the four countries' joint cultural heritage. (How well the arranger combined 'Scotland the Brave' with 'Men of Harlech'). Please do what you can to protect us from the Philistines of Portland Place. Remember, "he who pays the piper"

Best wishes for the family's forthcoming happy event,

Yours truly,



John Griffin

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