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Dear Madam,

I wish to protest at the proposal that the B.B.C. should spend £150 million of its licence money ' to create all the curriculum materials required by schools' and then provide it free of charge.

As a writer and member of the Society of Authors, my experience of the B.B.C. in the educational field does not lead me to believe that they could possibly take on a task of this nature. This is partly because of their limited experience so far in this field, partly because of the nepotism that will almost certainly occur, and partly because of the narrow politically correct attitude which will dominate everything they do.

Add to that all the problems created by what will be a vast monopolistic machine and the question whether the B.B.C. should use the licence payers' money for this and you will have a mountain of trouble ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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