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From the Chairman

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Dear Lord Pearson

Further to our letter of 12 August, I can now reply to yours of 29 July, referring to an earlier letter of mine dated 22 April in connection with the launch of the BBC's *Annual Report*.

You are quite correct in quoting what I said at the launch, but I also said that the fact that none of the main political parties held the view that Britain should withdraw from Europe was a factor in determining how much prominence the BBC would give to this point of view on air.

I can assure you that the advent of Ofcom has nothing to do with the BBC's coverage of European issues. The BBC will continue to reflect and report on the debate on Europe independently of any political influence or consideration.

I hope I have clarified the situation.

Yours sincerely

Gavyn Davies



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