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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 20th August which has reached me today. I look forward to receiving Mark Thompson's answer to the points about the BBC's EU coverage in my letters to you of 2nd June and 5th August. I hope you agree it is important that I can report his reply to the UKIP Conference on 4th September. I fear that anger continues to rise amongst our members, and amongst Euro-sceptics generally, especially after the Norwich saga. A clear commitment from Mr. Thompson to deliver on the BBC's assurances given after the Wilson Report, and to treat UKIP even-handedly in future, would of course be helpful.

As to the BBC's coverage of climate change generally, I feel I should leave that to Lord Monckton, Christopher Booker and others more knowledgeable than me. As you say, my complaint about the programme(s) when climate change and the EU coincided is with your Editorial Standards Committee. But I can't help saying that I trust the BBC is taking the Australian geologist, Ian Plimer's new book "*Heaven and Earth – Global Warming: the Missing Science*" seriously. This seems to be a very serious, possibly definitive, contribution to the debate which should now take place. My offer to facilitate an informal lunch or meeting on climate change between my friends and key BBC people still stands, of course, assuming that the BBC's mind was not closed on the 26th January 2006!

With good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Malcolm Pearson'.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch

cc Christopher Booker
Christopher Monckton
Mark Thompson
and others