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### ***Today and “Europe”***

Further to my letter of 26<sup>th</sup> March, I have now received the Newswatch (formerly Minotaur) analysis of the period from September to December 2007, being the run up to the signing of the Lisbon Treaty.

I fear it comes to 148 pages, which are on [www.globalbritain.org](http://www.globalbritain.org) where the whole saga of our BBC monitoring can now be found. However, I enclose David Keighley's first 2 ¼ pages, which refer this latest report to the Wilson Committee's recommendations (which are not being followed) and to the recent ESC report.

I also enclose his part 1 (pp. 5-8), which is a summary of some of the key points to emerge from the analysis.

Part 2 (pp. 9-42) contains the findings of the full content analysis, including examples of how the ESC was badly advised on methodology.

Part 3 (pp. 43-76), is a detailed analysis of five specific instances where coverage fell short of the Wilson criteria and the BBC's Charter and programme codes. The areas concerned were:

- The EU allowing us to “keep imperial measures” (September 20<sup>th</sup> 2007)
- The EU's accounts showing continuing “irregularities” and failing audit for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year (November 14<sup>th</sup> 2007)
- A Commons report on Galileo (November 12<sup>th</sup> 2007)
- An examination of ‘discards’ under the CFP (November 20<sup>th</sup> 2007)
- A report from the WWF on Global Warming and penguins (December 11<sup>th</sup> 2007)

Part 4 (pp. 72-77) is an analysis *Today's* account of coverage of EU affairs in the survey period. (Was Bali really worth double the coverage of Lisbon? Etc.).

The Appendix (pp. 77-145) contains the transcripts of the main items broadcast.

I appreciate that this is quite a bit for someone to read, but trust the BBC has the manpower and the inclination to take it on? In addition, could I repeat my suggestion of a meeting at senior level to try and reach agreement on all this?

Yours sincerely,



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(Dictated by Lord Pearson and signed in his absence)

P.S. I don't want to appear 'chippy', but the enclosed letter of 7<sup>th</sup> April from the BBC Trust appears to indicate that this correspondence may not be being taken very seriously. Surely they should know whether or not they have replied to a letter addressed to you, and not rely on the author to chase them up?! I have not heard anything within 10 working days and so am sending a copy of this to Mr. Bruce Vander as an aide mémoire.