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Dear Mr Hughes,

THE HUTTON INQUIRY

We enclose the BBC's preliminary statement on the matters which Lord Hutton has been asked to investigate in accordance with your request by letter dated 22nd July 2003.

We have addressed the underlying history in some detail. We hope this does not appear excessive at this stage, but it is difficult to isolate the issues on which the Inquiry may seek the BBC's assistance without giving some background.

If you require any further help before the Preliminary Hearing, you will no doubt let us know.

Yours sincerely,

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