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Stephen Whittle
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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your reply of today. It was not satisfactory.

If you are not prepared to address the number of serious issues I raised perhaps you could just try to answer one of my questions.

Did the BBC put the specific and grave allegation made by Andrew Gilligan on the Today programme on May 29th to the Government before it was broadcast, as claimed by John Humphrys in his interview with me on Saturday?

Please, no more dissembling, just a simple yes or no.

As things stand Humphrys, in effect, accused me of lying when I stated that the allegation had not been put to the Government before broadcast.

Despite repeated attempts I am still waiting for a reply to this simple question and would be grateful for one now

I am releasing this letter to the press.

With very best wishes,

Ben Bradshaw MP

CC Richard Sambrook



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