



From Director, News

Ben Bradshaw, Esq., MP.,
The House of Commons,
LONDON.
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3 July, 2003

Dear Ben,

Further to your letter of 1 July I attach herewith a copy of a letter to Geoff Hoon which I have sent today.

Yours sincerely,


(Richard Sambrook)



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From Controller, Editorial Policy

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3rd July 2003

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Dear Ben,

Thank you for your letter of last night. You will have seen Richard Sambrook's response to Geoff Hoon. We will therefore get back to you in due course.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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From Director, News

Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Hoon MP.,
Ministry of Defence,
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3 July, 2003

Dear Geoff,

Thank you for your letter. Clearly your version of what happened on the evening of 28 May differs from ours. I take that seriously and will again look at what happened together with the BBC's Controller of Editorial Policy who, as you know, is independent of the News Division. I will respond as soon as that is done.

If we fell short of what we believe to be acceptable we shall say so.

At no time in this dispute have I sought to in any way *criticise* the MoD Press Office with whom we have always enjoyed excellent relations.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Richard Sambrook)

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