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Dear Mr Hughes

Thank you for your letter of 22 July 2003 addressed to Greg Dyke I understand that this letter was also sent to other BBC employees, Andrew Gilligan, Gavin Hewitt and Susan Watts

You asked in your letter that we provide information or documents available to the BBC which would be relevant to Lord Hutton's Inquiry as well as any preliminary statement which we would like to make

As you can imagine the BBC has a significant amount of material which will be relevant to Lord Hutton's inquiry and we are in the process of assembling what we consider to be the critical material We will also reply on the question of a possible preliminary statement or statements in due course

However, at this preliminary stage we thought it would be helpful if we provided Lord Hutton with a set of materials akin to a core reading bundle Accordingly, we enclose the following materials:

Tapes and transcripts of core BBC broadcasts and a copy of an article by Andrew Gilligan in the Mail on Sunday

We enclose recordings (audio and where appropriate video) of a number of the significant BBC broadcasts dealing with the initial reporting of the source by Andrew Gilligan and the Today Programme in the week of 29 May 2003, Gavin Hewitt on the BBC News at Ten as well as the two reports from Susan Watts on Newsnight the following week

Our preliminary assessment is that the enclosed material contains the major relevant broadcasts, assembled from an initial trawl of hundreds of hours of BBC output which might contain relevant reports. However, our review and assembly of relevant material is continuing and we expect that there will be additional relevant broadcast material in the week beginning 2 June.

The material enclosed comprises

- Tape and transcript of the relevant extracts from the BBC Today Programme on 29 May 2003;

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