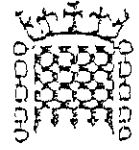


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Dear Gavyn

I have been in touch with Alastair Campbell, as a result of which he has shown me a letter dated 19 March that he has sent to Richard Sambrook concerning violations of the BBC's war guidelines. I have myself been watching and listening to the BBC coverage of the prelude to the war and now the war itself, and I am extremely concerned at what appear to me to be blatant violations of the guidelines. This is a very tense time. The BBC has been trusted over the years, and violation of these guidelines is in my view a violation of that trust. I therefore look to you, as a matter of high speed and urgency, to have this situation rectified. If I feel it appropriate to do so, I shall be in touch with you over the next few days with further examples.

Yours sincerely

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