

31.MAR.2003 17:54

NO. 0429

RS
P. 1



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

Director of Communications and Strategy

31 March 2003

Dear Andrew

In some reports, I have noticed Iraqi Television is being used virtually as an objective source, much as the foreign media might use material from the BBC.

Iraqi Television is part and parcel of the Saddam regime. It is under his total control. Therefore, surely, anything said or shown should be treated with real scepticism.

Could I ask what guidance is given to reporters and editors about the use of material supplied by Iraqi Television.

Yours

ALASTAIR CAMPBELL

Richard Sambrook
Director of News
BBC

BBC/4/0145

143