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From Director, News

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3 July, 2003


Dear Geoff.

I am sorry you were disappointed. So were we as we very much wanted to hear your views about reconstruction in Iraq. As I have just replied to you I am looking seriously at the discrepancy your letter last night highlighted, and will respond in due course

We continue to stand by our view that we were justified in broadcasting the allegations of our source when we broadcast them. Since then we have been accused of saying many things which we simply have not said.

In light of that I would be interested for you to clarify which allegation you refer to in your final paragraph.

Yours sincerely,


(Richard Sambrook)

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draft a short
reply on the full
paragraph
OK

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