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The Baroness Buscombe
The Chairman
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Dear Lady Buscombe

I am most grateful for your letter of 23 March and wanted to thank you for the trouble that you have taken in responding to my anxieties about the powers of the PCC.

I hope you will forgive me for dictating this but not signing it as I am flying to America to stay with my son, Edward Luce, who is the Head of the Washington Bureau of the Financial Times. So I am not anti-journalist!

I am grateful for all the points that you have made in your response. I should however correct you in regard to your third paragraph, since you refer to my experience as Minister for the Arts some 20 years ago, whereas I have had considerable experience since with the media, most particularly in my last job as Lord Chamberlain, from which vantage point I got a pretty jaundiced view of some of the press.

I would very much like to take up your offer for a chat about all this but suggest that it would be more valuable from both our points of view to await the outcome of the review. In addition, of course, we have several reports to take into account, not least that of the Media Standards Trust and the Select Committee for the DCMS.

I wish you every success in your very important job and look forward to talking to you, perhaps later in the year.

Yours

for Richard Luce

Richard Luce
(dictated by Lord Luce and signed in his absence)