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Press Complaints Commission

From the Chairman

5 April 2004

Clive Soley MP
House of Commons
London
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Dear Mr. Soley,

Thank you for your letter of 24th March, enclosing a copy of your previous letter of 12th January which I had not in fact received.

It is a shame that we did not actually receive your letter in January, because the Code of Practice Committee is just in the finishing stages of carrying out a comprehensive review of the Code. That said, if I understand correctly the import of your Point of Order, clause 11 of the current Code of Practice forbids obtaining information by subterfuge, unless there is a clear public interest. I do not expect that to change in the revised version of the Code.

As the content of the Code is not a matter for the Commission itself, I have forwarded your letter to the secretary of the Code of Practice Committee so that your suggestion can be considered at its next meeting.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Christopher Meyer

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