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Dear Mr Bavasso

News Corporation – British Sky Broadcasting Group Plc

Thank you for your letter of 23 December, addressed to the Secretary of State.

Your letter asks the Secretary of State for confirmation on or before 31 December 2010 how he proposes to proceed. I emailed Cerry Darbon in your office on 23 December to confirm that Ofcom would be providing the Secretary of State with a redacted copy of its report, which will be shared with you, and your clients will be offered a reasonable opportunity to make written and oral representations in advance of the Secretary of State taking a decision in this matter.

I also confirmed to Hogan Lovells that the redacted report is expected from Ofcom towards the end of this week, and will be forwarded on receipt. I understand from John Pheasant that you are the appropriate person to send a copy to.

On that note, I understand that both Allen and Overy and Hogan Lovells are acting on behalf of News Corporation. It would, of course, be easier for the Department to deal with one named contact on behalf of your client in order, amongst other things, to arrange for delivery of the redacted report, and arrange any representations which your client may wish to make to the Secretary of State. I should be grateful if you could confirm therefore that you will be that contact, as envisaged in John Pheasant's email.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Kaye