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From the Chairman

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Dear Clive,

Thank you very much for your letter, which follows up our useful and constructive meeting before the summer recess.

While we will obviously have to wait a little before we see what Lord Hutton says, I quite agree with you that neither politics nor media *can* come out of this well. Our respective professions – and their regulators – will find themselves in a wholly new environment. You are right, of course, to think ahead.

If the Westminster Media Forum hosts a Conference then I would – subject to diary commitments – be happy to take part. Guy has told me of the useful Conference that took place before the summer. The Forum has an important contribution to make.

On the more specific points you make, I am at the moment engaged on pushing through my own proposals for the “permanent evolution” of the PCC which are taking up substantial time. Some of them – particularly relating to the visibility of the PCC in newspapers and magazines – overlap very much with your list. I wonder, therefore, whether it might be sensible to put a further meeting on the back burner until I am in a position to relate solid progress to you later in the year?

If, in the meantime, I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Guy or me.

With best wishes.

*Yours ever,
Christopher Meyer*

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