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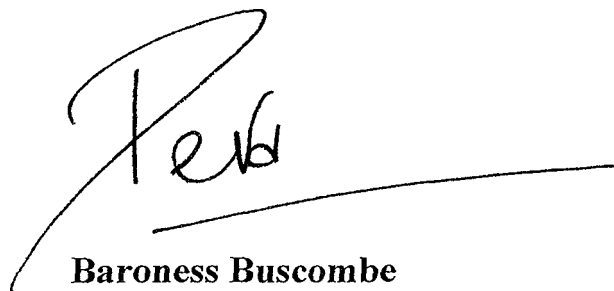
Dear Martin,

Thank you for your letter of 4th February, regarding my appearance on The Media Show.

My comments to Steve Hewlett centred around the issue of phone hacking generally, and I only touched upon the matter concerning Mr Lewis. Let me, therefore, explain the position further. Mr Lewis was concerned that my speech to the Society of Editors' Annual Conference on 15 November 2009 may have been misunderstood to mean that he had misled the Parliamentary Select Committee. That was not my intention and I was happy to join in a statement in open court to make my position clear. I attach a copy of the statement which confirmed that my speech was not intended as a criticism of Mr Lewis or the evidence which he gave to the Select Committee. In the statement, I was also happy to express regret that a potential misunderstanding of my speech had caused Mr Lewis concern.

I, therefore, consider that my position, and that of the Commission, in relation to the issue raised by Mr Lewis has been adequately clarified, publicly.

Yours sincerely


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