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Thank you for your letter of the 3rd March 2004 in response to mine of the 23rd February 2004 about the issue of complaints regarding the press coverage of asylum seekers.

The further details you provided on the four cases were interesting, but again it is very hard to find out exactly what is going on here without further details. Is it possible to provide comprehensive listing of such complaints, together with their outcome (whether upheld or not), including the dates of the offending article (or copies of the original article), and the dates (or copies) of the resolution letter where that is relevant.

I do not want to ask you for too much extra work, but I do not know otherwise how to access this information, which I need in order to carry out my Parliamentary duties.

I would be grateful if you could send in, in any event, your most recent bi-annual reports in hard copy, as then I can get some research done identifying the relevant complaints, which I wish to look into in greater detail.

Thank you for your help with this matter, and thank you in particular for sending me a copy of your guidance note on these issues.

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