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**Press Complaints Commission**

*From the Chairman*

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*Dear Mr. Soley,*

Thank you for your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> March, enclosing a copy of your previous letter of 12<sup>th</sup> 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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