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Dear Christopher

Many thanks for your letter which we will run tomorrow together with a correction about the headline on Roy's piece.

I do, of course, understand the difficulty the PCC faces when legal action is active. But as that is no longer the case with Cox it would be open to the PCC to consider the matter now. The editor at the time was involved in a dispute about the facts with the photographer who supplied the pictures. Both can't be right, but both are bound by the code. It is unsatisfactory that the credibility of an editor, who is not only a commissioner but also a member of the code committee, has been left unresolved. Ordinary people will surely be wondering why in cases of this nature findings of fact are impossible. I am not calling for an enquiry myself, but that is the spirit that informed the leader and I think it remains a troubling question.

Yours sincerely



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