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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 15 February 2011 15:08
To: LOUVEAUX, Bertrand
Cc: Ellison, Jordan
Subject: RE: News Corporation/BSkyB

Dear Mr Louveaux,

Thank for your email.

The Secretary of State does not consider at this stage that it is useful to engage in an iterative discussion as to what precisely has been done with the OFT and Ofcom. As I set out in my previous letter, the Secretary of State has reached his view as to what is an appropriate and fair process in dealing with this matter. He has made clear the process he intends to follow in correspondence with you. This process is consistent with his statutory obligations. I should add that he envisages, so far as he is able, publishing all relevant correspondence between himself and the OFT/Ofcom towards the end of the process.

I would also emphasise that the Secretary of State has not made a "minded to accept" undertakings in lieu decision. He is considering, with the help of the OFT and Ofcom, whether there are undertakings being proposed by News Corporation that he might propose to accept in lieu of a reference. Of course, in reaching his decision as to whether he would propose to accept undertakings he will not ignore your letter of 20 January. However, the purpose of the consultation period which is envisaged if (and, again, I stress if) he proposes to accept undertakings in lieu of a reference is that specific, constructive and focussed comments can be made by interested parties. If that transpires to be the situation, the Secretary of State hopes that you and your clients will take the opportunity to provide any such comments at that time.

Regards,

[Redacted]
Legal Advisers to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Email: [Redacted]

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From: Field, Sarah [mailto:[Redacted]] On Behalf Of LOUVEAUX, Bertrand
Sent: 14 February 2011 12:05
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Ellison, Jordan
Subject: RE: News Corporation/BSkyB

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter.

I would be grateful if you could confirm:

- That the Secretary of State has asked the OFT (as the first phase merger regulator) for its views as to whether the process you outline meets the normal procedural standards of merger control?
- Whether, in reaching his "minded to accept" decision, the Secretary of State will have taken into account the points raised in our submissions?

Regards

Bertrand

From: [redacted]
 Sent: 11 February 2011 12:53
 To: Ellison, Jordan
 Cc: LOUVEAUX, Bertrand
 Subject: RE: News Corporation/BSkyB

Dear Mr Ellison,

Please see attached a response to Mr Louveaux's letter to the Secretary of State.

Regards,

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[redacted]
 Legal Advisers to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport
 Email: [redacted]

From: Ellison, Jordan [mailto:[redacted]]
 Sent: 09 February 2011 14:13
 To: [redacted]
 Cc: LOUVEAUX, Bertrand

Subject: FW: News Corporation/BSkyB

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Dear

Please see attached a letter sent to the Secretary of State today (and copied to OFCOM and the OFT).

Best regards

Jordan Ellison

Jordan Ellison

Slaughter and May

From:
Sent: 01 February 2011 12:39
To: LOUVEAUX, Bertrand
Cc: Steve Unger
Subject: News Corporation/BSkyB

Dear Mr Louveaux,

Please see attached letter in response to your own of 27 January. Please note that this letter will only be sent electronically.

Regards,

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