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Mark

Thank you for your letter of 8 October enclosing analysis by Slaughter & May of the case for a public interest intervention in respect of News Corporation's plans to acquire 100% of the shares in British Sky Broadcasting Group. I will take this analysis into account in reaching a decision on whether to intervene in this merger.


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