

British Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcasting House, London W1A 1AA from the Chairman, Stuart Young

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In the light of your letter of 29th July, in which you outlined your reservations concerning the BBC programme "Real Lives: On the Edge of the Union", the Board of Governors met today in special session.

Because of the circumstances arising from your letter, the Governors - quite exceptionally - decided to view the programme before transmission.

We would now wish to discuss with you the profound issues raised in your letter to me. We are anxious that those discussions be conducted in a neutral and dispassionate climate.

Having seen the programme, the Board of Governors believe it would be unwise for this programme in the series "Real Lives" to be transmitted in its present form: the programme's intention would continue to be misread and misinterpreted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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