



Editorial Complaints Unit

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**Our ref: 1M/12339a**

Mr Michael Wigley  
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Dear Mr Wigley

**Six o'Clock News, Radio 4, 5 & 8 November 2004**

Thank you for your further letter of 15 April. Let me start by adding my own apology to the one you've already received from Douglas Evans for the delay in getting this reply to you. The person responsible for looking into your complaint had an extended period of absence due to sickness.

I'm sorry too that you were dissatisfied with my finding. However, having looked again at the material in the light of your further comments, my view remains the same. These were news stories specifically related to events on the days in question, and were clear about their subject matter. In view of their nature and their specific focus, I don't believe there was any requirement for them to give the kind of background analysis whose absence you criticise.

As you requested, I'm attaching transcripts of the items. I hope looking at these will to explain why I have reached the conclusion I have, even though you may reach a different one. However, should you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal against my finding to the Programme Complaints Committee of the BBC Governors. In order to do this, you should write to Helen Nice, the Committee's Acting Secretary, at Room 211, 35 Marylebone High Street, London W1U 4AA.

Thank you again for taking the time and trouble to bring your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fraser Steel', written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Fraser Steel  
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