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Dear Mr Perkins

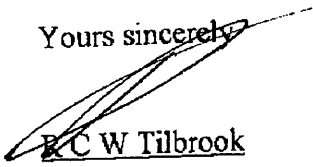
Re: Ofcom Rules on Party Political and Referendum Broadcasts

Thank you for your email letter of the 16th September.

I have had a look at your proposals which seem similar to the BBC's rules. No doubt you appreciate that the effect of such rules is to buttress the status quo/British Establishment with what is, in effect, a huge subsidy (i.e. subsidised advertising).

Even more seriously I notice that you do not attempt to provide rules which require broadcasters to be fair in the spread of their actual election coverage.

Yours sincerely


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