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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear John.

Thank you for your letter of 17 June about the economics of the BBC.

I have considerable sympathy with all the points you make. I agree with you that, when considered together, they do suggest that there is some room for improvement. On the basis of your letter, I shall reinforce my enquiries. But the BBC is well able to argue its own case against Government, as was demonstrated over external services earlier in the year. The more independently-minded public figures who raise these questions, the more likely we are to see some improvement.

*Yours
Raymond*

The Lord Vaizey

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