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Trevor Birney
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22nd June 2004

Dear *Trevor*,

Further to our telephone conversation of Tuesday 22 June, as Principal Information Officer for DHSSPS I wish to assure you that there is no "attitude" within my office towards UTV or anyone working in UTV. I can give you a personal commitment that we will continue to work with you and your colleagues in a professional manner and will treat your company no differently to any other media.

I am personally disappointed by what happened on Friday night. Kevin has offered his apologies and a letter of apology should be with you shortly. I trust my personal assurance will allow us to move forward from this and please be assured that any contact or involvement with UTV will continue to be handled with the utmost professionalism.

I have spoken to Kevin again on the separate issue of Tracy Magee's comments. He assures me that he did not call into question the integrity of anyone at UTV.

Yours sincerely

Colm Shannon

CC Alan Bremner

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