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Dear Dr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 29 March.

As you know, Clive Gowdy conveyed his concerns to me on the day after the programme's transmission and he also sent me a letter of complaint.

I am sorry to learn of your distress. However, I have had to state in my reply to the Permanent Secretary that we believe strongly that some of your responses to the questions we asked were deficient and, as such, must have been discomfiting. Fearghal's questioning was certainly robust, but I would respectfully suggest that the inconsistencies in your answers were bound to require close scrutiny on Fearghal's part.

I am genuinely appreciative of the contributions you have made to many of our programmes, and we would be disappointed if your Office were to step back from what has been a most positive partnership. However, I have to tell you that because of what emerged in the programme and what has since been said by other parties about systems failures relating to the deaths of Lucy and Raychel, we plan to produce further reports on the matter. It would, I believe, be a matter of considerable regret to many people if your Office felt unable to be involved.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Television

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