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Dear Clive

NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Thank you for your letter and enclosed report of 11 February. I am grateful to you for all the work you have put into this report in such a short period of time.

I note your conclusion that, if the undertakings already offered were amended, concerns in relation to plurality could be met. I have now received assurances from News Corporation that they are prepared to meet all the outstanding matters set out in your report, and in Ofcom's report, and an updated draft of the proposed undertakings is enclosed with this letter.

I should therefore be grateful if you could work with News Corporation and Sky to agree a set of undertakings, so that I can make a final decision, taking into account your further recommendations, whether or not to accept those undertakings.

My officials will be in touch to discuss the timeframe.

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport



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