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Dear Fabian

Thank you for your letter of 4 March about News Corporation's proposed acquisition of BSkyB.

I note your comments about whether I am sufficiently impartial to take decisions on media mergers. The Prime Minister sought advice on whether there was any legal impediment why I should not assume responsibility and found no reason why I should not.

On 3 March I announced that, following advice from Ofcom and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), I intended to accept undertakings from News Corporation on their proposed merger with BSkyB in lieu of a referral to the Competition Commission.

A consultation on the undertakings ran from 3 March to 21 March 2011. I am now considering the responses made to the consultation, and will make a statement in due course.

Related documents are available on the DCMS website at:
http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/7883.aspx

I enclose a copy of the statement and undertakings in lieu for reference with this letter.

With best wishes

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport
Encl. Copy of the statement and undertakings in lieu