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Dear Mr Bavasso

**News Corporation – British Sky Broadcasting Group Plc**

Thank you for your letter of today's date addressed to Jon Zeff.

I should be grateful if you could address correspondence from either your firm or from Hogan Lovells to me. Correspondence from your client to the Department should be addressed in the first instance to Mr Zeff, and copied to Stuart Brand.

We are aware that your client has not yet received a copy of Ofcom's report. We are aware that Ofcom is working on the appropriate redactions to prepare both a copy for your client and for Sky, together with an appropriately redacted report for publication. Ofcom are, of course, aware of the necessity to provide both these documents as quickly as possible, but it is, of course, important that the redactions are effectively made. We will make the report available to you as soon as we are able to do so.

You mention the timetable in your letter under reply. As we have already indicated the Secretary of State does not wish to delay in making a decision, and I enclose a copy of an email sent to your client today which makes clear that the Secretary of State is prepared to meet your client to discuss process and also, subsequently, to receive representations, and, if your client wishes, to meet further to discuss the substance of the report.

I hope that this clarifies the issues raised in your letter, but please do let me know if you have further queries.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Kaye



**From:** SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2011 17:21  
**To:** fmichel@[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFCOM'S REPORT ON NEWS CORP/BSKYB PROPOSED MERGER

Dear Mr Michel

**OFCOM'S REPORT ON NEWS CORP/BSKYB PROPOSED MERGER**

As you know, Ofcom provided the Secretary of State with the above report on 31<sup>st</sup> December. We are awaiting a redacted copy from Ofcom which we can send you but, in advance of that, the Secretary of State would like to offer you a meeting to discuss the process which we will follow from now on. Can I suggest that someone gets in touch with this office with a view to having the meeting later this week?

The Secretary of State would like to stress that this is not a meeting to discuss the substantive points raised in the report. Once you have a copy of the report he will, of course, consider any points which you may subsequently wish to raise, and be happy to meet again.

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Private Secretary to the Secretary of State  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport  
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