

EX.N. 01

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 10 December 2010 11:22
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: thanks for dinner

Sure - will ask the clients.

J

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk>
To: [Redacted]
Sent: Fri Dec 10 05:15:11 2010
Subject: RE: thanks for dinner

Right-o. Do you want to suggest a date and time?

Stuart

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 08 December 2010 18:23
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: thanks for dinner

yes let's go for it
I know you have no formal role
but good for you to hear our case and why we think there is a change

see this too:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/organgrinder/2010/dec/08/lib-dems-fear-murdoch>

From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 08 December 2010 18:11
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: thanks for dinner

Glad you liked it!

Re plurality, we would be interested in a briefing and, in fact, I am probably the best person to speak to. That said, it would be purely so we were better informed. We don't have any role in BIS decisions about plurality. If you still think it would be worthwhile going ahead on that basis, let me know and I can see who else may be interested.

[Redacted]

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M: 07901 820779

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 December 2010 07:37
To: [redacted]
Subject: thanks for dinner

[redacted]
[redacted] given DCMS want to get into the plurality issue, who is the best person for my clients to come and brief on it... lots of evidence

[redacted]
From: [redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 30 November 2010 13:51
To: [redacted]; McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW); [redacted]
Subject: FW: 500 restaurant - booked for 8pm 7 December

And here's the link:

<http://www.timeout.com/london/restaurants/venue/2:14691/500-restaurant>

See you there!

[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2010 12:25
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 500 restaurant

Hello [redacted]
Yes, Tuesday 7 December is fine. I have booked a table on your name for 4 people at 8pm.
Looking forward to seeing you.
Kind regards

[redacted]
500 Restaurant
782 Holloway Road
London

EX-N. 02

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 06 January 2011 15:50
To: [Redacted]
Subject: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Dear [Redacted]

Good to speak to you. I have spoken to my lawyers and can confirm that the SoS is studying the report at the moment and is not at present seeking representations from parties opposed to the merger, but he is aware of all the representations made to the SoS BIS and to Ofcom

Best wishes,

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EX.N. 03

From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 January 2011 17:09
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

cheers

From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 January 2011 17:07
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Thanks for this offer. We will certainly be in touch with you if further representations from your clients are needed.

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M: [redacted]

From: [redacted] [webershandwick.com]
Sent: 10 January 2011 14:35
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

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Regards

[redacted]
From: "Culture, Media & Sport Committee" <[redacted]> Date: 10 January 2011 12:21:51 GMT
To: "Culture, Media & Sport Committee" <[redacted]parliament.uk>
Subject: Cancellation of News Corp Committee briefing Wednesday 12 January
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and with confidential discussions with DCMS. There will, therefore, be no Committee meeting on Wednesday. Thursday's meeting with a coalition of media groups is still taking place. [redacted] Committee Assistant Culture, Media and Sport Committee [redacted]

From: [redacted] [Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 09:49 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 11 January 2011 08:17
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Morning [Redacted]

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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 11:07 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2011 18:41
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

[Redacted]
Many thanks for an early sight of this.,

[Redacted]
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From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 12 January 2011 18:13
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Dear [Redacted]

Please see attached from my clients's solicitors.

Regards

[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
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EX.N.07

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12 January 2011

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State
Department for Culture, Media & Sport
2-4 Cockspur Street
London SW1 5DH

Your reference

Our reference
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Direct line

Dear Mr Hunt,

News Corporation/BSkyB

I write to you on behalf of BT, Guardian Media Group, Associated Newspapers Limited, Trinity Mirror Plc, Northcliffe Media and Telegraph Media Group (together the "Concerned Parties").

It has been widely reported (most recently in this morning's Financial Times) that News Corporation has received a copy of Ofcom's advice to you (or at least an executive summary of that advice). It has also been suggested that your department may be in discussions with News Corporation over possible remedial undertakings in lieu of reference to the Competition Commission ("CC").

The Concerned Parties have asked me to stress the following:

- (i) The legal threshold for reference to the CC is a low one. You only need to believe that "it is or may be the case that ...[the merger] operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest" (Article 5 EA 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003; emphasis added).
- (ii) There is no precedent for accepting remedies in such a case prior to a CC investigation. The legislation envisages that remedies be considered during (and following) a reference to the CC (Articles 6 and 12 EA 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003). Consistent with the low threshold for reference, that is the only sensible procedure in cases such as this one where the issues are complex and warrant an in-depth debate and are therefore beyond the scope of the pre-CC procedure. There are clear parallels here with the UK merger regime, under which the OFT's stated position is that undertakings in lieu can only be appropriate where the remedies provide a "clear cut" solution to identified concerns.

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RMG Goulding
CES Seligman
PFJ Bennett
RM Fox
RJ Thornhill
CJ Airs
GP White
NJ Archer
AG Balfour
CM Horton
EA BarrettPP Chappatte
R/JN Cripps
P Jolliffe
CD Randell
WSM Robinson
RV Carson
SL Edwards
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F Murphy
PM Olney
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- (iii) There are no clear remedies here short of outright divestments and any effective remedy would require detailed consideration.
- (iv) In any event, it would be procedurally wrong for remedies to be agreed with News Corporation without those remedies having been the subject to detailed scrutiny – including that of interested third parties (as is provided for in the course of a CC reference). That would also require those third parties to have received a copy of the Ofcom advice. The Concerned Parties therefore request (a) confirmation as to what (if anything) has already been provided to News Corporation and (b) equal access to the Ofcom advice as well as to any correspondence with News Corporation and/or BSkyB on the subject of remedies.

More generally, the Concerned Parties remain available to meet with you and to provide such further assistance as you would find helpful.

Yours sincerely,

cc.

EX.N. 08

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 20 January 2011 15:17
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Fw:
Attachments: Letter to Jeremy Hunt.pdf

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Hi [Redacted]

We have written to say we do not believe today's reported remedy to be an effective remedy. See attached.

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 09:09 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject:

[Redacted]

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20 January 2011

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 Secretary of State
 Department for Culture, Media & Sport
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Your reference

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It is now being reported (notably in today's Financial Times) that News Corporation has offered to divest Sky News – by way of remedial undertakings in lieu of reference to the Competition Commission ("CC").

This suggests a recognition by you of the substantial plurality issues raised by the proposed merger.

In order to be an effective remedy to those issues however, a divestment of Sky News would require editorial, operational, financial and commercial independence:

- Freedom from direct editorial influence – this would require, at least, that News Corporation (i) has no role in appointing or dismissing editors, (ii) has no role in setting editors' remuneration or other terms of employment, (iii) be prohibited from offering financial inducements such as positions in other News Corporation outlets (iv) be prohibited from communicating its preferences to the editor.
- Operational independence – this would require that News Corporation could not impede the operation of Sky News in order to influence content. For example, it would not be acceptable for (i) Sky News to be reliant on a pool of journalists shared with News Corporation; or (ii) Sky News to be reliant on News Corporation's broadcasting infrastructure, where News Corporation could provide less favourable distribution in the event that it wished to influence Sky News.

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 RJ Clark
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 MA Whelton
 MD Bennett
 RD de Carle
 SP Hall
 WJ Sibree
 RC Stern
 JR Triggs
 EGL Wylda
 A Beare
 JD Boyce
 MEM Hattrell
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 N von Bismarck
 PWH Brien

JM Fenn
 AN Hyman
 AC Johnson
 EF Keeble
 KR Davis
 SR Galbraith
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 JAD Marks
 SD Warnakula-suriya
 DA Wittmann
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 SJ Luder
 AJ McClean

JC Twentymen
 GN Eaborn
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 EJD Holden
 KM Hughes
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 DR Johnson
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 MS Rowe
 MST Leung
 R Doughty
 E Michael
 RR Ogle
 SL Paterson
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 HL Davies
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 RA Sumroy
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 JC Cotton
 RJ Turnill
 WNC Watson

MJ Dwyer
 CNA Jeffs
 SR Nicholls
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- Financial independence – this would require Sky News to have access to sufficient sources of income to continue to fund its own news-gathering and distribution. It would not be acceptable for Sky News to be reliant on News Corporation for a substantial portion of its income, such that News Corporation could threaten to reduce funding in the event that it wished to influence Sky News. On the other hand, it is difficult to see how Sky News would be viable as a stand alone operation. I note here that in its submission to Ofcom, BSkyB emphasised how reliant Sky News is on financial support from BSkyB:

"It is also relevant that Sky has invested for many years, and continues to invest, in the operation of Sky News as a distinct, impartial and independent news service, despite the unattractive returns available from such investments given the presence (among other services) of publicly funded rivals such as BBC News. Indeed, the Board of Sky (including the members of the Board connected to News Corporation) have for many years authorised growing investment in Sky News to that end as part of Sky's overall annual budgeting process."

- Commercial independence – this would require Sky News to have its own market presence e.g. with its own marketing capability. For example, it would not be acceptable for Sky News to rely on News Corporation to market its advertising slots, such that News Corporation could materially affect Sky News' commercial success. Any commercial deal with News Corp would have to be at arms length.

The Concerned parties find it difficult to see how that could be achieved without wholesale divestment of BSkyB.

Divestment of stand alone Sky News would also not address concerns around bundling and other forms of exclusionary behaviour.

More generally, the issues are complex and not "clear cut". As per my earlier letter, the only sensible procedure in such a case is to refer the matter to the CC where those issues can be fully debated.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature area]

cc. [Redacted]

EX.N. 10

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 21 March 2011 07:51
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Hi there

Could you chase on that date? Are we safe to assume that there will be no decision until we have had the change to discuss face to face?

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 March 2011 18:07
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Sorry, I meant "OFT" not "CC". Doh!

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 March 2011 10:06
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

[Redacted]

We would be delighted to see you and I am pretty sure we would want the CC and Ofcom present.

Is it best that I ask the SoS's Private Office to get in touch with you direct about a suitable time?

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 16 March 2011 22:48
To: [Redacted]
Subject:

Hi [Redacted]

We would very much like to come and present our joint submission to the Secretary of State so that he can take full account of our representations and seek any direct clarification.

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Best wishes



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EX.N.11

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 24 March 2011 14:40
To: OLDFIELD PAUL
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: List of attendees from [Redacted]

Great thanks. We are on track. Hope it goes well.
Regards

[Redacted]

From: OLDFIELD PAUL [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 08:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: List of attendees from [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Thanks for the email. Your role as co-ordinators is understood. We would still like to go ahead this afternoon just with your clients, and their legal representatives. That is consistent with the approach we have taken throughout the process in our dealings with all interested parties.

Paul.

From: McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW) [mailto:JMcleod@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 24 March 2011 12:20
To: OLDFIELD PAUL
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: List of attendees from Stuart Brand

Hello Paul

Perhaps there is a misunderstanding about our role. There is nothing in Weber Shandwick's presence that would make the meeting indirect or non-confidential (if that is the basis of the discussion). We would not normally speak in such a setting and we routinely conduct meetings in confidence. Our role is one of co-ordination and reporting for the alliance.

If, notwithstanding this clarification about our role, it is still felt not appropriate that we attend, then we are, of course, quite happy to accede to that request - on the understanding that you have placed an equivalent stricture on the public affairs advisers to News Corporation and BSKyB plc.

Best wishes

[Redacted]

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From: OLDFIELD PAUL [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: 24 March 2011 09:22
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: List of attendees from [Redacted]

Thanks for sending over this list.

We don't feel it is appropriate for you and your colleague from Weber Shandwick to join the meeting this afternoon. SoS is of course happy to meet with the media groups below and their legal representatives. He would like to conduct the meeting direct, and in confidence with them.

We'll look forward to seeing [Redacted] and [Redacted] his afternoon.

Regards

Paul.

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

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 23 March 2011 15:17
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport

Hello [Redacted]

The current line-up is:

- Trinity Mirror
- Guardian Media Group
- Telegraph Media Group
- Associated News and Media
- Bayeux - Slaughter and May
- Weber Shandwick
- Weber Shandwick

Apologies from [redacted] BT plc who is in the US.

Any emergencies, just email me.

Best wishes

[redacted]

From: [redacted] Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 09:56 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport

[redacted]

I understand you're out of the office at an event today. I am seeking confirmation that the clients you represent will be attending the meeting with the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt at 15:45 tomorrow.

To make the necessary arrangements, I require a list of your attendees by close of play today.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Diary Secretary to Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP | Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics & Sport | Department for Culture, Media & Sport | 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1Y 5DH | [redacted]

From: [redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 22 March 2011 15:50
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport

Dear [redacted]

Thank you – I will check with the parties and come back to you.

Regards

[redacted]

From [redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 March 2011 14:49
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Meeting with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport

Dear [redacted]

I would like to schedule a meeting between the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt, and individuals represented by Weber Shandwick, to discuss their representations in relation to the Secretary of State's recent decision on the proposed News Corp acquisition of BSkyB.

The Secretary of State is available from 15:45 until 16:45 on Thursday 24 March at the Department for Culture, Media & Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1y 5DH.

[redacted] will act as your point of contact and can be contacted on [redacted]

In the meantime, if I can be of assistance, please call me on the number below.

[redacted]
[redacted] Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics & Sport |
Department for Culture, Media & Sport | 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1Y 5DH | [redacted]

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EX.N.12

[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 28 March 2011 09:32
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re:

Hi [Redacted]

Shocked at being banned from meeting!

How did it go? When can we expect an announcement?

Regards

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 05:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Jeremy's Office should be getting in touch with you about a date but I will chase. The intention is that there will not be a decision until after he has meet you.

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 21 March 2011 07:51
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Hi there

Could you chase on that date? Are we safe to assume that there will be no decision until we have had the change to discuss face to face?

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 March 2011 18:07
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Sorry, I meant "OFT" not "CC". Doh!

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 March 2011 10:06
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

[Redacted]

We would be delighted to see you and I am pretty sure we would want the CC and Ofcom present.

Is it best that I ask the SoS's Private Office to get in touch with you direct about a suitable time?

Stuart

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@webershawndwick.com]
Sent: 16 March 2011 22:48
To: [Redacted]
Subject:

Hi [Redacted]

We would very much like to come and present our joint submission to the Secretary of State so that he can take full account of our representations and seek any direct clarification.

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EX.N.13

[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com>
Sent: 04 May 2011 10:58
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: UILs - the detail

I'm taking that as a 'Can't say' 'No' 'No' 'Yes, subject to commercial constraints...'

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 04:31 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: UILs - the detail

Hi [Redacted]

I can't say anything definite on timing. There is a lot of detail to work through on the key agreements and the representations on the UILs. As throughout, we will publish as much as we can subject to commercial constraints.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@webershandwick.com]
Sent: 04 May 2011 09:10
To: [Redacted]
Subject: UILs - the detail

Hi [Redacted]

Hope you're keeping well.

What's the position on timing?

There have been reports of there being lots of devil in the detail - and Ed Richards said it was all still 'an open question' to the CMS Select Committee yesterday.

Is there anything our clients should comment upon ? Is any further input needed from them on the workability of the UILs? Will the detail be published?

Best wishes

[Redacted]

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