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Via mail: 11782-ff2219fc@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Errington,

RFI20090675 - Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email requesting information in relation to the Watchdog Programme that featured Mark Robb, various Defra members and a member of the RSPB in 1984. The reference number for your request is RFI20090675.

The information you requested is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Your request falls outside the scope of the Act because the BBC and the other public service broadcasters are covered by the Act only in respect of information held for purposes "other than those of journalism, art or literature" (see Schedule 1, Part VI of the Act). We are not therefore obliged to supply information held for the purposes of creating the BBC's output or information that supports and is closely associated with these creative activities. Information which is not subject to disclosure under the Act because of Schedule 1 might otherwise be exempt from disclosure because of the application of other provisions of the Act.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF telephone 01625 545 700. <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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