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Annie Wilkes

By email to xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxm

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Dear Ms Wilkes

Freedom of Information request – RF120081191

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”), which was received on 3 November 2008.

You asked for the following information:

“any communications between any employees of the BBC and any employees of the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) during the period from 28 September 2006 to 11 September 2007... any internal communications between staff at the BBC about communications between the BBC and the RSC, or the subjects of these communications, for the same period.”

Without knowing which employees or departments hold the records you’re interested in, we are unable to search for and retrieve the information that you are interested in. Therefore in order to identify and locate the information that you have asked for we need you to clarify it further, as set out in section 3 of the Act.

If you would like to submit an amended request, explaining in more detail what information you are particularly interested in, we will do our best to help. For example, if you could tell us the names of employees who might have been in communication with the RSC, which team at the BBC or what the communication concerned (for example did it relate to a particular programme or event), we will try to locate the information you are interested in.

You should note that 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 I, 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. If the communication between the BBC and the RSC related to our programming, it is unlikely to be subject to disclosure under the Act.



For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see www.bbc.co.uk/foi .

Your request is on hold until we hear back from you. The period during which a request is on hold is not included in the 20 working-day target for us to respond. We will close your request if we have not heard back from you after 20 working days from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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