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G Stevenson
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Dear G Stevenson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request – RFI20080640

Thank you for your letter received 12th June requesting information relating to news reportage from September 11th 2007. The reference number for your request is RFI20080640.

You requested:

The BBC claim through a BBC editor's blog to have "lost" all BBC recorded news reportage from September 11th 2001.

What steps are being taken to find out

a) How this "loss" occurred b) Where the "lost" news footage is

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 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. Information which is not subject to disclosure under the Act because of Schedule I might otherwise be exempt from disclosure because of the application of other provisions of the Act.

For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see www.bbc.co.uk/foi Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.



However, I can inform you that there have been numerous claims that the BBC no longer has the news clips from broadcasts on September 11 2001. Please be assured that the BBC retains comprehensive footage of the 9/11 events and complete coverage of News 24 and the National News output of events of this day. This footage is maintained in accordance with the published Archive policies (http://www.bbc.co.uk/foi/docs/historical_information.shtml) as well as the requirements stipulated in the BBC's Charter and Agreement (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbctrust/framework/charter.html>).

The BBC makes a huge range of information available about our programmes and content on bbc.co.uk. We also proactively publish information covered by the Act on our publication scheme and regularly handle requests for information under the Act.

The BBC does not offer an internal review when the information requested is not covered by the Act. If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. Contact details are: 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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