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Dear Mr. Shimeild,

I am writing to you in response of your letter, received on the 24th of March 2009, ref: 3110570576STU, not because it deserves a reply but because it is so factually incorrect and riddled with frivolous assumptions that not replying would amount a crime in itself.

Let me begin by stating, without equivocation or a Salmon of doubt, that I have no interest whatsoever in purchasing or buying a TV license on account that I do not watch television at my current address.

With the formalities now out of the way I will begin by addressing the first line of your letter, which reads “We have tried to contact you several times between September 2008 and February 2009 about buying a TV license, and haven’t received your response.” I am unsure what the TV licensing definition of *contact* is but it is clearly incongruous with the objective vernacular. This is the first correspondence which I have received from TV licensing since moving in on the 4th of October 2008.

While I can only speculate if any genuine attempts were made to contact me before today or if this is just ‘smoke and mirrors’ from what is arguably the most bureaucratic, officious and callous branch of *Her Majesty’s Government* it is worth bearing the following two things in mind when engaging in further correspondence:

1. addressing a letter to “the legal occupier” is not helpful when routing mail;
2. my room is 270A not 270.

Further down the page the letter goes onto say “If you do not watch TV at this address, please let us know by calling 0844 800 6707. We may send officers to confirm the situation.” This passage makes the virulent assumption that one has access to a phone — which I do not. Additionally the letter fails to provide **any** return address whatsoever, making correspondence difficult at best.

In lieu of sending officers would you instead consider sending a TV detector van? (Of similar ilk to the ones which feature prominently in your advertising campaigns.) As a physicist I would be incredibly interested to learn just how this pseudo-scientific device works, if at all.

Polemically yours,

Freddie Witherden