I had not actually seen a copy of the article until a Branch faxed it to me yesterday. It is a stupendous piece of journalistic licence. Remarks from me have been taken out of context and interwoven with points made at the Briefing Meeting last week to support an article with the newsworthy theme of dissent within the Executive.

No one should be surprised at the way Royal Mail are using such a scurrilous article. I will of course be writing to the Financial Times. In the meantime the article should be ignored as a piece of journalistic mischief making.

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