

Our television Drama was once the envy of the world. This position is no longer the case. My feeling is that Mediocrity (with a few, though in my view to few notable exceptions) has been the byword in Television Drama of recent years. It has been too long the case and the time is now ripe to rescind this. When the late the first Head of Drama Michael Barry was asked to take up the post by the first Director General of The BBC Lord Reith in the early 1950's . He enquired " What is my brief sir?" " Your brief Mr Barry is a simple one" he replied. "Is to get the best possible Drama to the Maximum number of people. For a time this Standard flew high. Since the early 1980's the flag has been b ecalmed at half mast. In a sea of Dramatic torpor. Ofcom has a golden opportunity to redress this sorry state of affairs. For the cultural future of our society I sincerely hope they rise to the occasion. Sincerely Brian Cox C.B.E. Equity member since 1961