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Dear Miss Thomas

Thank you for your survey which you sent to the Director General and copied to me. The DG's office has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I am sorry you felt that the Panorama programme on GM food did not encourage an adequate and respectful representation of the public's concerns. I do, however, think it was a relevant and important question to ask whether the opposition to GM crops could harm the developing world.

As you may know, we do not usually respond to individual surveys, irrespective of the merits of those that are based on self-selection, because over the course of the year we receive them from many different organisations. Instead we ask that the complaints process should be used, where concerns need to be raised within thirty days of broadcast. I will, however, show it to the editors involved and we should certainly speak if we intend to revisit the subject.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Gray'.

Jim Gray
Deputy Head of Current Affairs