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C4's jitters over Blair show

LOOKALIKE photographer Alison Jackson's satirical film, *Blaired Vision*, to be shown on Channel 4 on 26 June, the day before Tony Blair steps down as Prime Minister, will be less than an hour long, but could have been two hours long if she had her way. "Huge amounts we had to leave out," she has said. "He'll be ripping out all the hard drives from the Downing Street computers and smashing them up with Alastair in the garden."

Now I understand that real reason the film has been so savagely cut is that C4's lawyers had kittens when they saw what she intended to do. It shows the Blairs having sex, the Queen calling Blair a creep, and ministers running from the law on Clapham Common, George Bush teaching Tony how to play golf, and the Prime Minister rehearsing his farewell speech in front of a mirror.



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Thanks to the lawyers, half of Jackson's film ended up on the cutting-room floor. It sounds like Channel 4, which faces the threat of privatisation, doesn't want to upset its few remaining allies in New Labour. Perhaps Jackson's footage will end up on the internet one day.