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To whom it may concern

Nearly ten years ago when I was Latin America correspondent of The Observer Kimi Zabihyan had a large part in creating Observer Films. She brought flair and determination to the job of matching the skills of reporters such as myself to the demands of television.

I carried out assignments for Observer Films in the Falkland Islands and El Salvador. I then went on to BBC2's Assignment and Correspondent series and last year worked with Jeremy Isaacs in the Cold War series while I continued a career in print journalism which has brought me, inter alia, National Press Awards in Britain and a Maria Moors Cabot Award from Columbia University in New York.

Kimi played a pioneering role in often difficult circumstances and many of us are in her debt.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H O'Shaughnessy', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom left.

Hugh O'Shaughnessy