

TV man Grundy

'cleared'

TELEVISION Interviewer Bill Grundy is understood to have been cleared of blame today by his company's senior executives in the storm over four-letter words used in a programme last night.

Unofficial sources said it was felt that although things got out of hand on Thames TV's "Today" tea-time show when Mr Grundy interviewed the "punk rock" group Sex Pistols, it was not his fault.

Angry viewers jammed the 12 lines to the studio switchboard for some time

after the programme and Thames broadcast an apology later, that will be repeated tonight.

Some viewers complained that Mr Grundy had egged on the group to be outrageous and today a Tory MP claimed: "It would appear that Bill Grundy was inciting them."

Mr Ray Mawby, MP for Totnes, said he would be lodging a formal protest