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DAVID WEBB, the Founder and Organiser of the NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE REFORM OF THE OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ACTS, has sent the following letter to the Editor of "HANSARD", the official report of parliamentary debates:-

'Dear Sir,

In column 359, on page 193 of the House of Commons Official Report of Parliamentary Debates (Hansard) for Wednesday, 3rd February, 1982 (Volume 17, No. 49), is printed the following:-

"Phone them and F them".

Will you please be kind enough to tell me what this means?

Yours sincerely, etc.'

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