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From: James Ferman *Director*

Dear Mr Webb,

The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) is responsible for classifying all films shown in cinemas or supplied to the public on video.

As part of a major review of film and video classification standards in the UK, the BBFC is undertaking a nationwide programme of Public Consultation. From now until June, at public meetings across the country, we will be screening an illustration of our current classification standards and policy guidelines, explaining clearly what each category means and what it may contain. Following the presentation, we shall be inviting feedback from the public so that we can take on board their views, comments and queries about the classification system and their suggestions for how, if at all, it can be improved.

This is an important opportunity for us to bring more openness and accountability to the processes of classification and censorship. It will give the public a chance to have their say on the issues which affect them and their families, and help us keep in touch with public opinion. We do this work on behalf of our fellow citizens; from time to time we need their approval.

We hope you will be able to join us by attending one of the public meetings listed below.

| Date | Time | City & Venue |
|---------------------|--------|--|
| Tuesday 21st April | 7.00pm | Liverpool - Peter Jost Centre |
| Thursday 30th April | 7.00pm | Glasgow - Moir Hall |
| Friday 1st May | 7.00pm | Belfast - Queen's University |
| Tuesday 5th May | 7.00pm | Southampton - Northguild Arts Centre |
| Thursday 14th May | 7.00pm | London - Commonwealth Institute |
| Monday 18th May | 7.00pm | Cardiff - Museum of Wales |
| Wednesday 27th May | 7.00pm | Birmingham - Birmingham & Midland Institute Conference Centre |
| Tuesday 2nd June | 7.00pm | London - Commonwealth Institute |
| Monday 8th June | 7.00pm | London - Institute of Child Health |

At the end of the consultation period, we shall consider all our feedback and publish our findings. Details of when copies will be available and how they may be obtained will be sent to you nearer the publication date.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Whittam Smith
President

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ...

about film and video classification in the UK?

The British Board of Film Classification is responsible for classifying all films and videos in the UK. Now we want to hear your opinions about the work we do on your behalf.

All those interested are invited to attend a **PUBLIC PRESENTATION** of our standards and policy guidelines. We would very much like to hear your views and comments on the current classification system.

The meeting will be held at
The Peter Jost Centre
Byrom Street
on 21st April 1998
at 7.00pm

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