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To: David Webb, Honorary Director, N.C.R.O.P.A., 15 Sloane Court West, Chelsea, London SW3 4TD.

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- "Obscene Publications (Protection of Children, Etc.) (Amendment) Bill 1985"
A clause-by-clause assessment and critique @ £2.00 per copy
- "The Broadcasting Standards Council's Code of Conduct - A Submission"
('Broadcasting in the 90's: Compulsion, Control and Censorship') Jan. 1989
@ £3.00 per copy

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1 copy to Commission on Pornography (1977)

The N.C.R.O.P.A. maintains, furthermore, that sexually explicit material provides a source of harmless pleasure for millions, is often a very helpful adjunct to sexual relationships, both in and out of marriage, and serves as a most welcome substitute sexual release for anyone when and where a suitable sexual partner is not available or possible, especially among the sexually disadvantaged, deprived or disabled (or differently-abled, as they now often prefer to be regarded).

The N.C.R.O.P.A. supports measures for the 'protection' of children (without necessarily accepting that children would, in fact, be 'at risk' or 'in danger', as the word 'protection' implies) and also certain *very limited* measures for the 'protection' of those adults who do not wish to be forcibly affronted by material that *they* would deem offensive.

In practical terms this would mean the complete repeal of the 1959 and 1964 Obscene Publications Acts, as well as considerable amending legislation to a number of other relevant Acts (e.g. the Post Office Act 1953, the Customs Consolidation Act 1876, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, the Video Recordings Act 1984, the Cinemas Act 1985, etc.). However, like the Williams Committee, we believe that the very limited censorship legislation we envisage should be contained in one new comprehensive statute. The N.C.R.O.P.A. has already produced the draft for such a statute called the "Freedom of Expression Bill".

(Full details of our principles and objectives are, of course, contained in "Evidence to the Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship April 1978", N.C.R.O.P.A.'s written submission to the Williams Committee and in 'Williams Report—An Appraisal, April 1980', N.C.R.O.P.A.'s subsequent response to the findings of the Williams Committee. See order form overleaf.)

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE N.C.R.O.P.A.

Individual freedom is daily being eroded in this country and in no area more insidiously than that concerned with freedom of expression and censorship. The highly organised, vociferous pro-censorship factions, in their role as self-appointed "guardians of the nation's morals", have, for far too long, succeeded in forcing their *minority* opinions on the much more liberal-minded, tolerant *majority*, often using highly emotive, dishonest propaganda to spread their repressive and bigoted doctrines. More recently they have been joined, in an 'unholy alliance', by feminist extremists who, just as dictatorially, wish to force their equally repressive, authoritarian demands for more censorship on everyone else. Parliament has hitherto paid heed to these two dangerous factions out of all proportion to the numbers they represent or the soundness of their logic, and, in consequence, has done absolutely nothing to bring our censorship laws up to date and in line with modern, 20th Century thinking and those of almost all other Western World countries. In fact instead, in many areas, we have reverted to the viciously restrictive standards of the past — or even worse.

Every year hundreds of thousands of harmless books and magazines are being seized by the authorities and destroyed. Thousands more videos and films are also being impounded and confiscated. More and more people are being prosecuted, fined or imprisoned for committing these victimless 'crimes'. Thousands of valuable and costly police and customs man hours are being wasted on these ludicrous and futile exercises, often carried out by some police chiefs with a fanatical zeal more appropriate to a mediaeval witch-hunt. Whilst we may regard their order of priorities with outrage, when *real* crime is at an all-time high, when many women and old people are too frightened to go out in the streets at night, and when most police forces are still claiming to be seriously under strength, we must remember that they can only implement laws which are in existence. The N.C.R.O. is campaigning to ensure that, in future, such laws do *not* exist and are *not*, thus, at their disposal.

It is an indisputable fact that we now have more censorship in this country than nearly every other of the so-called free Western World, and lately more, even, than East European states, most of which have already satisfactorily dispensed with censorship as we know it. This is *not* the difficult task some politicians would have us believe but it is they, the politicians, who will, in the end, be responsible for deciding this issue and righting this grave wrong. They *must* be persuaded to do so, and do so *now*, so that the trade barriers really can come down and the 1992 Single European Market can truly become the intended reality. Moreover they *must* be persuaded to accept and implement our proposals. These proposals are eminently sensible, patently realistic, provide safeguards for everyone and are, above all, harmless — and just!

By joining the campaign you will be doing something *positive* to help achieve this end and to make this country, not simply "more permissive", but more tolerant, more rational, more honest — and more civilised. It is time for all who support the desperately important cause of individual liberty and freedom of expression to stand up and be counted.

HOW YOU CAN JOIN THE N.C.R.O.P.A.

Please complete the membership application form overleaf and post it to us without delay.