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Thank you for your letter of 29th September.

We were, of course, most grateful to receive your NCROPA subscription and generous donation, in May. We didn't send a receipt because you had not ticked the question on the membership application form indicating that you required one, and this does help to keep down costs.

You are certainly accepted for membership and welcomed most warmly.

Your letter of 20th May was read with great interest and especial sympathy for your explained situation whereby you have, presumably, been persecuted by the authorities for your opposition to censorship. You did not elaborate but, if you so wish, please let us have more details which we would be very interested in hearing and maybe even pursuing, with, of course your express permission and if appropriate to this campaign.

Please do not think that because I did not reply to your letter that it was ignored or dismissed. It is simply impossible for me to reply personally to all such communications much as I would like to. The vast majority of my time - and remember that the NCROPA is run solely by unpaid volunteers like myself - is, naturally, taken up by dealing with and responding to major censorship issues like, for example, new parliamentary legislation viz. the Video Recordings Act, public broadcasting and the Broadcasting Standards Council (to which you yourself referred), controversial new films like "The Last Temptation of Christ" fiasco, and Prince Charles's recent ignorant outburst about screen violence. So that you can see the kind of thing we are doing - on behalf of all the members of the NCROPA - I am enclosing herewith a copy of our most recent press release and letter to Prince Charles on this issue. (Perhaps you saw my television interview in last Saturday's "Right to Reply" programme on Channel 4 TV. Incidentally I also picketed the offices of the British Board of Film Classification in a non-stop ten hour vigil on the day that they were deciding whether or not to give "The Last Temptation of Christ" a certificate.)

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My finally can I just add that you would have heard from us sooner had not our forthcoming A-G.M. been unavoidably postponed. It will now take place at the Conway Hall London sometime in late November and notices advising of this will be sent out soon, together with a newsletter "WCRPFA in Action" which I am currently preparing, and under much pressure, preparing. When you get it and you see what we've been up to, I feel sure you will understand why your letter remained unacknowledged. Do try to come to the AGM if possible. We would very much like to meet you and, we trust, you us.

With all best wishes and apologies for the long silence.

Yours sincerely,