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Dear David,

Thank you for giving such a splendid speech for the TV programme tonight. I wonder if the press would do something on "15 Years of NCROPA" in April to celebrate the anniversary of your initiating the movement?

I've read all the Home Office correspondence and I feel that the politicians are being bulldozed by the feminists and it's ESSENTIAL that you make it clear that (a) there are feminists within NCROPA and that (b) some of them are also in the Feminists Against Censorship group. I would favour inviting the FAC to join us in our visit to the Home Office.

I think that two of his points need a reply. Firstly that research does not support the theory that pornography can reduce sexual violence and crime.

1) If he asked any sex therapist, they would tell him that people who are unable to masturbate happily and are uncomfortable with their fantasies are more likely to cause havoc in society. This is usually men who have no access to pornography, and feel hostile because they feel so alone and misunderstood. It's a pity that Maurine Yaffe died, but there are others who would

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substantiate this. If there has been no research done on this already, invite Baker get some conducted.

2) If there can be a licence to allow the medical profession to legally import pornography for the treatment of patients, how can the government turn round and suggest that pornography cannot be beneficial?

Secondly, I think it might also be sensible to answer his accusations that 'pornography has an insidious and harmful effect on attitudes to women and family relationships'. There are several arguments:

1) Girlie magazines that are legal in this country are more suspect to the accusations by feminists than the hard core sex magazines in Europe because British magazines only show the female body whereas hard core magazines show couples making love, thus depicting both sexes.

2) Not everyone wants ^{jacquies} a family life

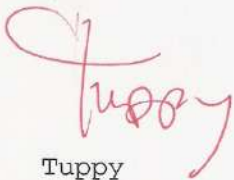
3) There's a growing movement towards making erotica which is acceptable to women, as recent trends show - eg female students, for example at Harrow, are now experimenting with such imagery. However, it is difficult for this movement to progress, when the law makes the production of such experimental erotica so precarious as nobody ever knows when they might be prosecuted.

He should be reminded of the great works of art which depict explicit sexual scenes which can be seen in British public galleries and purchased in Bond Street art galleries and that pornography is simply a means of allowing the less wealthy masses to enjoy pleasures that the rich take for granted.

David, I think your letters are wonderful, and it is sad that these days people take so little notice of men when they demand sexual rights. Perhaps you should develop a new tack - to demand your sexual rights as a repressed male?

Of course I'll come to the Home Office with you and will help in any way I can.

Lots of Love,


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