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Andrew Graham-Yooll, Esq., Editor, Index on Censorship 39c Highbury Place London, N5 10P

Dear Mr. Graham-Yooll,

Thank you for your letter of 19th December in reply to my letter of 16th October and subsequent reminder of 6th December. I note what you say and am delighted to see that you have published two articles in the current (January 1991) edition which attack the Itzin article (although, regrettably, not my letter).

However, I cannot accept your concept of the "Index on Censorship" as "a forum 'on' censorship. I have never considered it as such and neither do I believe it was intended as such. Surely it is, as its title indicates, an "Index" on censorship. They are not the same thing — and certainly not when you subtitle your publication " "The international Magazine FOR Free Expression". No—one is trying to deny Cathy Itzin and her cronies their right to express themselves freely, but your publication is not the appropriate place. For the editor of a magazine specifically dedicated to supporting the cause of free expression to afford the arch opponents of such a cause the opportunity to publicise, proselytize and propagate their obnoxious ideas and aims, is as absurd as it is offensive to your readers. Morwover I am bound to ask the question, how is it that, having founded and run the NCROPA (entirely voluntarily and without any payment whatsoever) for the past 15 years, I have never been offered a similar opportunity to explain and disseminate the ideas and aims of this organisation — an anti-censorship, 'free-expression' loving organisation if ever there was one?

I also note what you say about your relationship with the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom. I hope you will not allow this organisation similar facilities to those afforded Ms. Itzin's Campaign Against Pornography and Censorship (!) whereby they can publicise their own particular brand of hypocrisy and double standards regarding freedom of expression. (You may like to know that it was the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom which drafted the appalling "Location of Pornographic Material Bill" which pro-censorship feminist M.P. Dawn Primarolo has been peddling in and around Parliament throughout the past year.) The Campaign for P. & B. Freedom, despite its deceitful name, is no opponent of censorship and I hope you will exercise great caution before swallowing any "information" with which it may supply you.

With regard to your suggestion that we put you on our mailing list, you already are on it and, indeed, have been for a number of years. However I shall certainly ensure

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sure that you receive all our News Media Releases and any other information about the NCROPA which is relevant.

Yours sincerely,

David Webb, Honorary Director, National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts

P.S. Many thanks for your seasonal good wishes, which are, of course, warmly reciprocated.