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To: A Leaver  
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Dear Alec Leaver,

CHRIS SMITH MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CULTURE

Luckily the above-named, who is sympathetic to CAC, survived the Cabinet reshuffle. He is still being pressured to ban decoders for the French satellite television channel "Eurotica." HE will be addressing a fringe-meeting of the Society of Labour Lawyers at 4 pm Sunday 27th September at Ruskin Hotel, 55 Albert Road, Balckpool. Could you attend and ask him about Eurotica and why Britain should be the only country in Europe considering a ban? He will be talking on "Reforming the press and media," so you could ask the question.

If you can go, let me know and I will send you some briefing copy documents which have been collected by Dave Webb of NCROPA. He cannot attend the meeting alone, as he is not a member of the Labour Party. It would be very helpful for CAC if instead you could attend as representative. CAC will pay your fares.

How is the Euro selection going in the North-West? I got as far as the poorly attended County hustings in Herts. The competition was very stiff. "New Labour" seems to be all potential candidates and no selectors! It is very sad that most people voting in Labour selections don't bother to attend the meetings and thus have never met the potential candidates. This makes the performance at selection meetings purely academic. The glossy promotional material that some female hopefuls sent out to selectors is sickening. All photos and egocentric gush, but no politics. They treat it like a beauty contest! Oh for Old Labour when only attenders at the selection meeting could participate and no canvassing was allowed!

Very best wishes,  
Ted Goodman  
Chair of CAC