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# Sexual Freedom Coalition

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Copy to Richard Ford at The Times

June 1998

Dear Mr Michael.

We were pleased to learn that the Government has decided to update some of Britain's sex laws, as reported in Richard Ford's article in The Times on Tuesday 16th June (copy enclosed).

We heartily agree with some of the changes mentioned in the article, such as making rape in marriage a crime, as we believe sexual freedom must mean consent, and only between adults.

You may have already seen our Sexual Freedom Bill, delivered to the Home Secretary last year on 21st June 1997 but, in case you did not, I enclose a copy.

This Bill was drafted by our Law Reform Working Group, who comprise experts in each field, such as lawyers specialising in censorship, sexual behaviour issues and prostitutes, plus sex workers and people who have studied British sexuality for a long time. I myself was an advisor in the capacity of sex therapist, and I have a particular expertise in the area of the special needs of isolated and disabled people.

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### AIMS

- · promote pansexual freedom, mutual tolerance & safer sex • teach individuals, the media and
- authorities to revere sexual pleasure encourage mutual support of and between other adult sexual freedom campaigns, sex clubs and groups
  - reform the sex laws which inhibit the sexual freedom of all consenting adults

Following the decision in the House of Commons on Monday, we feel hopeful that the Government are at last prepared to look at the issues head on, and get rid of old laws that help nobody other than the police clocking up arrests.

I hope that you will decide to base your new recommendations on facts rather than ignorance, and invite the SFC Law Reform Group to make a serious contribution.

The enclosed article states that "Ministers are expected to make an announcement before the end of the current session in Parliament in July on the full terms of reference and who will carry it out."

We suggest that the best way to take advantage of the research we have done, and fully understand the existing laws, many of which overlap and are contradictory, would be to invite representatives of our Law Reform Working Group to be included in the review.

Not only do we have the knowledge but we are also accustomed to talking about sexual matters and would have an enabling influence. Embarrassment fosters prudery, which can bring people to the wrong conclusions.

I look forward to a face-to-face collaboration and hope to hear from you soon.

Best Wishes,

**Dr Tuppy Owens** 

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Encl.

Sexual Freedom Bill and SFC Annual Report 96/97 Photocopy of *Times* article 16/6/98