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Correction.

Dear Sir,

you are reported as having said in the House of Commons on the 3rd May that "a rash of sex films clubs is a disgrace to any civilized society or city." You are wrong. Most civilized societies have legalized pornography. It is now lawful in most of Western Europe. To be specific, pornography has been legalized in Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and West Germany. In France, for instance, 129 cinemas are licensed to show hard-core pornographic films.

I believe that it is politicians who try and curb ² freedom of expression who are "a disgrace to any civilized society". Also, you may be interested to know that the majority of people who go to pornographic cinema clubs in the United Kingdom are middle-class Conservative-voting men. If you do not believe this, I advise you to check for yourself. It is thus highly hypocritical for leading members of the Conservative Party to publicly attack such places, when these places are mostly patronised by Conservatives. Your continental counterparts are more honest. It was Conservative governments which legalized pornography in Denmark, France and Italy. I recommend you to visit continental cities and see for yourself.

I am deeply saddened to have to write this letter to a leading member of a political party which claims to believe in the freedom of the individual, and in West European unity.

Yours faithfully,
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