(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 6th November 1996

To; The Home Secretary Quen Anne's Gate London SWI

Sir,

RE: BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION
You are today reported as having instructed the British
Board of Film Classification to refuse a certificate to the
video "Natural Born Killers." In so doing you are exceeding your
lawful authority. The Video Recordings Act does not empower
the Government itself to exercise video censorship.

In any event, why do you want to ban a video recording which is available everywhere else in the Western world? Presumably you consider British parents to be uniquely irresponsible in failing to prevent their children from watching video recordings classified for adult viewing. This is authoritarian nannyism taken to its extreme ie preventing adults from having access to anything which is unsuitable for children!

Yours for freedom of expression,

E Goodman Chair of CAC

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