
CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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22nd January 1996

to: Tony Bilbow
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ITV
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Upper Ground
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Sir,
YOUR PROGRAMME "LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION !" SHOWN ON
CHANNEL 3, 21ST JANUARY 1996

We compliment you in the frankness of this film. Our only criticism is that you allowed the misleading comments of James Ferman, Director of the British Board of Film Classification, to go unchallenged. He stated that the majority of people in Britain want film censorship. Opinion Polls (of which details are available from CAC) show the reverse to be the case. Similarly he falsely stated that the BBFC does not censor mere sex as opposed to sexual violence. This is simply untrue. For instance a non-violent film which you featured, namely "Showgirls," has been cut by the BBFC.

The point should have been made that censorship has been abolished in almost every country in the American continent and Europe (including the former communist states of Eastern Europe), but not Britain, where it is still a case of "No sex please-we're British?" As the Home Secretary stated in 1994, Britain has amongst the strictest film and video censorship in the world.

Yours for freedom of expression,

Cllr E Goodman
Chair of CAC