



THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 17th September 1996

To The Editor
New Statesman

Sir,

YOUR PROPOSED LEADER ON MAPPLETHORPE PHOTO AT HAYWARD GALLERY

Further to the telephone call of your colleague today, the point about the Protection of Children Act 1978, as amended, is that it criminalises (on pain of imprisonment) mere possession of any "indecent" photo of anyone under the age of sixteen. Other countries merely prohibit possession for gain of obscene (not merely indecent) photos of minors.

Further Information can be obtained from the Honorary Director of the National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts 0171-352-9067.

Yours for freedom of Expression,

E Goodman Chair of CAC