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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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To: Lawrence Cunliffe MP
House of Commons

Dear fellow Labour Party member,

YOUR ANTI-PORN SPEECH OF 15TH NOVEMBER

It is my duty to deal with some of the points you made. Hard core pornography is now lawful throughout Europe from Spain to Russia, but not in Britain where uniquely legislators equate sex with filth! ("No sex please, we're British!") Hard core pornography has been legitimate in Denmark and the Netherlands since 1966, in West Germany since 1974 and in France since 1975 without ill effect.

"Millionaire Porn Merchants", although part of Grundyist English demonology, do not exist in this country. Here for instance, uniquely in Europe, merely publishing a photo, film or video recording of an erect human penis results in three months imprisonment! Armaments exporters, by contrast, are honoured.

The idea that adults should only be allowed access to material which is suitable for children is untenable. British parents are just as responsible as Continental ones in controlling the viewing of their offspring and have just as great a moral right to see material that is unsuitable for minors. Jacques Lang, the French socialist Minister of Culture, declared "The State has no right to prevent citizens seeing what they choose."

You and "most of the public" (possibly) are entitled to regard explicit sexuality as "indescribable filth." You and they are not, however, entitled to try and prevent fellow citizens from exercising their basic human right of freedom of expression. Democracy does not mean unbridled tyranny of the majority. It signifies respect for the inalienable human rights of the partly non-Christian minority.

Yours for freedom of expression (even sexual)

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