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Dear Cllr Goodman

Thank you for your letter of 1st August concerning the 'Afghan video of Beheading.'

No pronouncement has been made by this office regarding the above video. The showing of such material in circumstances indicated in the penultimate paragraph is unlikely to breach any obscenity laws.

Any person in possession of such material would need to be mindful of the law regarding publication under the Obscene Publications Act. The act of publishing is very wide and includes to distribute, circulate, sell, hire, give, lend, offer for sale or for letting on hire to another. In the case of an article containing material to be looked at, the act of publishing includes showing it, playing it or projecting it.

Yours sincerely

Michael HOTSON
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