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THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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1st January 1998

To; Chris Smith MP
Secretary of State for Culture
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Dear fellow Labour Party member,
PLANNED PROSCRIPTION OF SATELLITE TV CHANNEL 'EUROTICA"

The United Kingdom is the only country in Europe which has resorted to this type of tyrannical State censorship. We therefore request that you revoke the proscription orders made by your grundyst Tory predecessor and make no more. They were based on the outdated English nannyist precept of "No Sex Please-We're British." The socialist French Minister of Culture, Jacques Lang, declared when abolishing film censorship that the State has no right to prevent citizens from watching what they choose.

Why should British adults be denied the freedom enjoyed by their fellow Europeans ?

Why does the British Government oppose State censorship in other countries, but practise it here ?

Why are British adults considered less responsible than Continentals ?

Why do Labour politicians oppose State censorship when in opposition, but support it when in government ?

Why should a democratic change of government in Britain be followed by exactly the same policies, when the electorate overwhelmingly voted for change ?

Is a ban on "Eurotica" based on its gay and/or heterosexual content ?

It is, in any event, illogical that video remains the responsibility of the Home Office and cinema film remains under local authority control, while television comes within the remit of your Department.

Yours for freedom of expression,
Cllr E Goodman *Goodman*
copy to French Minister of Culture, Paris.