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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 17th August 1998

To: James Ferman Director British Board of Film Classification 3 Soho Square London WIV 6HD

Dear Mr Ferman,

We congratulate you on the BBFC Annual Report of 1998 (your last and best) and wish you a long and happy retirement. Despite the contents of your report, we believe that self-righteous English politicians will still legislatively adhere to the maxim "No Sex Please We're British," thereby ensuring the continued existence of this country's huge black market in video recordings (which does not exist on the Continent).

We do hope you will now write a book about the question of film and video classification worldwide. Given its free trade basis, the European Union needs a common standard for the visual media, but insular British prudery prevents this. The United Kingdom, for instance, is the only country to criminalise decoders for the French satellite television station "Eurotica."

Yours for freedom of expression,

Clir E Goodman Chair of CAC