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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 6th July 1999

To; Richard Shepherd MP House of Commons London SWIA OAA

Dear Sir.

STATE CENSORSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Britain is now one of the only countries in the whole continent of Europe to have State censorship. The new Chief Film Censor (euphemistically entitled "Director of the British Board of Film Classification") is imposing more cuts to films and video recordings for adults. Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, has proscribed eight European satellite television stations (one of them Russian), making the UK the only place in Europe where it is illegal to view them. New Labour is thus enthusiastidy supporting State censorship, despite its abolition in Eastern Europe.

We understand that you believe in freedom of expression. If so, please let us know and we will send you details of our organisation.

Yours faithfully,

Goodman
Chair of CAC