

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

CONFEDERATION OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive
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20th August 1999

To: David Pannick QC
2 Hove Court ECKY 7BH

Sir,

RE; VIDEO APPEALS COMMITTEE DECISION OF 17TH AUGUST

We congratulate you on your success against censorship. We are disturbed, however, by a Press report that the decision may be the subject of an application for judicial review. If it is, we believe you should have cognisance of the following facts.

The BBFC stated that it is only trying to protect children and not trying to prevent adults watching what they want in an adults-only environment. This can be proved false by the fact that the BBFC cuts all scenes of explicit sexual activity from cinema films granted an 18 or even an 18R certificate, as well as from video recordings. Reference to the BBFC guidelines confirms this. No other country tries to prevent adults having access to all material that is unsuitable for children.

Yours for freedom of expression,

Clr E Goodman
Chair of CAC

20th August 1999