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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 2nd May 2000

To: Guy Phelps
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Dear Mr Phelps,
TASTE AND DECENCY

Thank you for your letter of the 25th April. You state that there is no indication that the public as a whole would welcome the unrestricted availabilty of encrypted television material to adults (as exists in the whole of the rest of Europe). You are wrong! A survey reported in the British Press on 31st January (details available on request) showed that 75 per cent want the same freedom of viewing as exists on the Continent.

It is the nannyist English Establishment, not the often misunderstood Great British public, that wants Orwellian Thought Control of television. Its absence elsewhere has no ill effects. The people of this country are far more broadminded than you give them credit for. Regulators cannot keep using the excuse of preponderant grundyism in this country to exercise heavyhanded censorship of sexually explicit material.

Yours for freedom of expression, even in the United Kingdom,

Clir E Goodman Chair of CAC