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DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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20th May 2000

To: Guy Phelps  
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Independent TV Commission  
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SECOND COPY

Dear Mr Phelps,

**TASTE AND DECENCY**

Thank you for your letter of the 12th. We appreciate you replying in such detail. We have the following answers to the points you make.

On the 16th May the High Court upheld the liberalising decision of the Video Appeals Committee. Encrypted television is the the equivalent of R18 video recordings (sale of which is restricted to licensed sex-shops). The same standards should therefore apply to both.

Licensed sex-shops exist throughout England, by virtue of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. It does not apply to Scotland, hence the different legal position there (ie unlicensed sex-shops). In any event the ITC applies national standards and must therefore ignore regional variations.

We agree that bestiality should not be shown on television. That is because it is a criminal offence. Copulation, however, is not illegal!

The Broadcasting Act 1990 empowers, but does not require, the ITC to request proscription orders. We therefore hereby repeat our request that you cease so doing. Please consider this on its merits and let us have your reasoned response.

Yours for freedom of expression,

Clr E Goodman  
Chair of CAC

*please let us have a reply, especially in view of new poll - details attached 22 AUGUST 2000*

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