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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive
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6th June 2000

To: Matthew Beardsley
Writer of the Fish Series
BBC 1 TV

Dear Sir,

PROGRAMME BROADCAST ON BBC 1 TV ON 5TH JUNE AT 10.40 PM

I compliment you on writing such a profound piece dealing with the fundamental issue of freedom of expression for "politically incorrect" opinions. I especially like the reference to John Stuart Mill's "On Liberty" ! The programme had shades of the case of the late Professor Eysenck (though he was not dismissed for his theory that Jews were hereditarily more intelligent than negroes-he was just physically assaulted by some Asian students).

The United Kingdom is now one of the only countries in the Western World to have State censorship, namely of films, television and video recordings. (Using his powers under the Broadcasting Act, the Secretary of State for Culture has just proscribed a Russian satellite television channel !) Perhaps you could consider writing about that aspect in due course. Given the Great British hang-up about sex, pornographers are worse regarded in this country than racists !

Yours for freedom of expression,

Clr E Goodman
Chair of CAC