

CENSORSHIP

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 10th July 2000

To: Chris Smith MP Secretary of State for Culture

Ref: Broadcasting Division

Sir,

PLANNED SUPER-WATCHDOG OF THE BROADCASTING MEDIA

It is reported that a White Paper is in preparation, which is due to be published in November . As an interested party, we wish to be consulted about content.

We are particularly concerned about any attempt to censor the internet, based on the false premise that British adults must be denied access to material which is unsuitable for childen. Similarly, encrypted satellite television should not be subjected to the controls over freely available terrestial stations. In addition it is illogical and unacceptable for films and video recordings to remain the responsibilty of the Home Office and thus under a completely separate regime from broadcasting.

Yours.

Clir E Goodman Chair of CAC

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