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DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:- *The Secretary*

15th April 2001

To: Patricia Hewitt MP  
Minister for E-commerce

Dear Madam,

RIPA

Please let us know why you betrayed the principles you had when you held office in the National Council for Civil Liberties by carrying the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. The United Kingdom is now the only country in the Western World where the police can demand anyone's computer password at will without a warrant on pain of imprisonment. Why ?

If it is merely to discover a few indecent images of minors, ~~the cure~~ is worse than the disease ie the sledgehammer of an omnipotent Orwellian computer Thought Police to crack a nut. Anyway, foreign countries apprehend paedophiles and other criminals without the necessity for such totalitarian legislation, which has been condemned by many organisations, including the Foundation for Information Policy Research, Liberty (formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties), and the National Union of Journalists.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of CAC

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