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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 22nd July 2009

The Director
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Dear Mr Cooke

THE FILM: BRUNO

Thank you for your detailed letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> July. You state that no critic has demurred with your decision. There was, however, comment on the fact that the BBFC had given an "18" category to the version of the film given an "R" rating in the USA, which means that minors (accompanied by an adult) can see it there but not here.

The point we are trying to make is that British "broad public opinion and sensibilities" should not be the sole criteria for BBFC classification categories. This country's status as an integral part of the free flow of ideas in the Western World should be respected by ensuring that British categories are similar to those in other parts of the European Union and in the USA.

Yours sincerely,

E Goodman Chair of CAC