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Dear E Goodman

Your letter to Tate

Thank you for your letter dated 1 January 2010 enquiring about *Spiritual America*, by Richard Prince.

Tate temporarily closed the room displaying *Spiritual America* following a visit by the police from the Obscene Publications Unit on Wednesday 30 September 2009. The police advised that the work was 'indecent' under the Protection of Children Act 1978 and that they considered Tate had committed an offence under that Act. They advised that if the work were not taken down and if the catalogue were not removed from sale a prosecution would be likely. In the circumstances Tate decided that they would withdraw the work from display. The work has now been returned to the lender at his request.

In consultation with the artist, Richard Prince, Tate replaced *Spiritual America* 1983 with a later version of the work made by him in collaboration with Brooke Shields, *Spiritual America IV* 2005. The room reopened to the public on Tuesday 13 October 2009.

Unfortunately, I have been advised that the original version of the catalogue is not available. I am sorry we cannot accommodate your request on this occasion.

I hope you will find this information useful.

Thank you for your interest in Tate.

Yours sincerely



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