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PLEASE REPLY TO:-
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Your Ref: TO12/5590

Dear Mr Pearson,

• POSSESSION OF EXTREME PORNOGRAPHY

Thank you very much indeed for your detailed letter of the 24th October 2012 explaining this offence. We do, however, believe that you are wrong in stating that it was "already an offence" under the Obscene Publications Act. The latter criminalises possession for gain, not mere possession. The law on extreme pornography, however, makes mere possession illegal thereby introducing a draconian, victimless, Orwellian though t crime for harmless consumers of animal and simulated "S and M" material. No such law exists in other Western countries, except for possession of child pornography (to protect minors).

By criminalising mere possession of material involving adults, who is trying to protect whom from what and why ?

Yours sincerely,

E. Goodman, Chair of CAC.