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Dear Mr Goodman

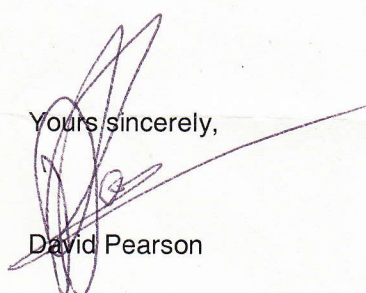
Thank you for your letter of 29 October regarding the law on extreme pornography. I am sorry you have not received an earlier reply.

I note that there appears to be some confusion about a point I made in my response to you dated 24 October. I hope I can clarify here.

I am aware that the Obscene Publications Act relates in part to "possession for gain". However in my response to you I pointed out that the extreme pornography offence was not intended to cover material which it is not already unlawful to publish here under the Obscene Publications Act. In other words the extreme pornography possession offence was targeted at the possession of material that would likely fall foul of the OPA.

I hope that clarifies the points made in my reply. I regret any confusion.

Yours sincerely,



David Pearson