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Dear Mr Goodman

Thank you for your letter of 13 February regarding the law on extreme pornography.

I note that there appears to be some further confusion about after my letter to you of 8 January.

I can only really reiterate that I am aware of the terms of the Obscene Publications Act and that it relates in part to "possession for gain". The extreme pornography offence is of course, for "simple" possession and was not intended to cover material which it is not already unlawful to publish here under the Obscene Publications Act.

I hope that clarifies the points made in my reply. I regret any confusion. Please feel free to contact me again if I have missed something in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

David Pearson

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