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4th January, 1981.

The Viscount Norwich, F.R.S.L.,
24, Blomfield Road,
London, W.9.

Dear Lord Norwich,

Meeting with the Home Secretary

You will recall from the copy of the last N.C.R.O.P.A. press release dated 9th December, which I sent you, that the Home Secretary, Mr. William Whitelaw, has at last agreed to meet us at the Home Office on Wednesday, 21st January at 3 p.m. Since this is such an important meeting, and one for which I have been pressing for so long, there will be a special Committee Meeting, to be held at my flat, at the above address (Flat 5, top bell) on Wednesday, 14th January at 7 p.m., to discuss that meeting and our tactics and approach.

You will find enclosed a copy of my letter to the Home Secretary's secretary (dated 19th December) which gives general details of what we wish to discuss, which was requested by the Home Office. I have purposely worded it in fairly broad terms so that we are not too restricted and our discussion can be as open as possible. Apart from the inclusion (obviously) of the N.C.R.O.P.A.'s main criticisms of the Williams Report, you will note that in item II, I have expressed our desire to challenge Dr. John Court's subsequent submission to the Home Office which received considerable, albeit unwarranted, media coverage. The gist of what this further 150 page report contains was the subject of a lecture given by Dr. Court to the National Viewers and Listeners' Association at the New Gallery, Regent Street,

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London on 3rd July last year and which I and Edward Goodman and Eric Miller, also from the Committee, attended. The complete text of that speech was published as a N.V.A.L.A. booklet and a copy of that is also enclosed herewith for your information - and, I trust, demolition! It does, of course, need to be considered side by side of the Williams Report, but I sent you a copy of that when it was first published in November 1979.

I do hope you will be able to make the special Committee Meeting on the 14th January but, apart from that, I would very much like to have a private meeting with you before that date, if possible, which is something your very busy schedule has so far prevented us from doing. I would like the opportunity of putting you more fully in the picture about the present state of the N.C.R.O.P.A. in general. (Besides, I would like you to autograph a copy of your delightful "Christmas Crackers" anthology, which I chose for one of my Christmas presents!)

Above everything, however, please do your very best to be present with us at the meeting with the Home Secretary and, hopefully, the press conference we are arranging afterwards (although that is not quite so important).

I apologise for the short notice but the Christmas festivities have considerably disrupted my already disrupted and over-stretched activities. However, I shall overcome these setbacks and shall look forward to hearing from you (by telephone if more expedient) as soon as possible.

With best wishes for 1981,

Yours sincerely,

David Webb,
Organiser,

National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts

Enclosures.