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Dear Pat,

Thankyou for your letter of 5th June and press cuttings, and I must profusely apologise for not having replied before this. I was unwell after the Churchill defeat. I suffer from angina and hypertension and got a 'wiggling' from my doctor for over-doing things.

However I am much better, although still under pressure from my publisher friends to complete the reference book I edit for them by the end of September at the latest and I will not need to tell you about deadlines. So I can't really take a holiday until then.

Rest assured that, on the NCROPA front, we have still been as active as ever and, after the Churchill demise, it was nice to have the Customs climb-down over the 'Gay's the Word' bookshop trial and the result of the Conegate European Court case. My main concern at present is the U.S. Attorney General's Report on Pornography. After considerable difficulty, I have managed to have a copy (or rather copies - it is in two hefty volumes) sent over from New York and am presently working my way through it. I did take the precaution of writing to the Home Secretary urging him to refrain from commenting on it, either publicly or privately, until all interested parties had had proper time to study it. I don't think we are going to have a great deal of difficulty in challenging, combatting and discrediting it, which American libertarians are already doing quite savagely. The greatest danger here, of course, is that Whitehouse et al will endeavour to use it as 'chapter and verse' at every turn.

My other chief preoccupations at the moment are with membership communication and liaison and with preparing a draft Bill ready for the Private Members' Ballot when Parliament re-assembles for the new ~~Session~~ November.

There are a number of matters we would like to discuss with you and your publishing colleagues. Would it be convenient for Ted Goodman and I to meet you again at your premises one afternoon next week or the week after, possibly on August 20th or 27th? Perhaps you would like to phone me on 730 9537 in the evenings or on 828 3016 during the daytime.

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With regard to the copy I agreed to prepare for some of your publications about the NCROPA etc., you said you would send me specimen copies of your current titles. If you could do this, it would help me to decide on the content and format of what I write for your editorial approval.

I do hope that you are well and I shall look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

David Webb,
Honorary Director,
National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts

P.S. Did you see the enclosed cutting from "The Times" of 15th July? It should interest you. I only hope that they mean it.