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Very many thanks indeed for your letter of 28th November and for the most generous donation of £1000.00, which will be of enormous help in our struggle.

We had a very good members' meeting at the Conway Hall on Monday evening and I was able to brighten the generally depressing tenor of my report on the current U.K. situation, with news of your most acceptable and much-needed financial assistance.

I've just received a reply to my first letter (31st October) to the new Home Secretary, David Waddington. I read it in full to the meeting on Monday. It makes gloomy reading, I fear. Particularly ominous is the penultimate paragraph in which there is clear indication that he is considering a change in legislation widening the legal definition of 'obscenity'. Goodness knows, the present one is appalling enough! I can only hope that he doesn't move in this direction - or that an M.P. in the top six of last week's ballot for Private Members' Bills does not decide to adopt such a measure with guaranteed Home Office backing. I am enclosing copies of my correspondence because I know it will have especial concern for you. I don't need to tell you that we shall be watching the situation very carefully and taking any steps that we can to try to prevent any further erosion of our adult right to choose for ourselves.

I've noted your instructions about where to send our press releases and PR material in future, and I am writing to Paul Raymond/Carl Snitcher and to the proprietors of "Penthouse", "Fiesta" and "Knave" - and, indeed, to all other relevant publishers where appropriate. May I tell them that you have given £1000.00, or would you prefer them not to know that? (I am, of course, very conscious of the commitment printed on our promotional material that the names and addresses of our members/supporters will not be divulged without prior permission, and I am always most meticulous in complying with that promise.)

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Once again, a huge 'thank-you' for your most welcome contribution and I can assure you that not one penny of the money will be wasted.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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

P.S. After you've just sent such a generous donation it is, perhaps, somewhat insensitive of me to mention a great need of ours, but you did say in your letter that we should not hesitate to ask if we need anything. We could very much do with a photo-copier. I have so much photo-copying to do and am forever having to trip out to Ryman's (where I may say the machines are often out-of-order, or where I have to stand in a queue to use them, having previously stood in another queue in the bank to get sufficient small change to feed the machines). Apart from saving in terms of cost, it would also save an enormous amount of my precious time. If, therefore, you do have a spare copier 'idling' about somewhere in one of your offices, perhaps you'll give us a thought. And if I'm taking a liberty and seeming over greedy, I apologise, but it is, of course, purely for NCROPA's benefit.

Encs.