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Dear David,

Thanks for your letter and words of support. I've only got 2½ days to go now, so I'm feeling very excited!

Although my incarceration is a complete travesty, (this is not what I pay my taxes for!!) the prison system has been reasonably kind to me.

After spending only 2 days at Holloway I was transferred to this open prison. 2 weeks slaving in a hot kitchen, then I was selected for a 6 week gym course - Community Sports Leaders Award. The course has been fun, has enabled me to get

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Very fit, and has kept my brain
kicking over nicely. And in my
spare moments I've continued my
column for the Men's mag 'Men's
Letters'. All in all I would put this
prison sentence down as a valid life
experience. In the words of the
philosopher Nietzsche 'That which
doesn't kill us only serves to strengthen
us'.

As to your comments regarding
my (and Lindsay Honey's) plea of
guilty, we obviously consulted with
our solicitor and barrister, but
finally the decision that was
reached was one that Lindsay and
I wanted. It is complicated, but I'll
explain our reasonings. Firstly I
do not believe that any video that
we published for gain would deprave
and corrupt the people likely to
come into contact with it, but

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Unfortunately I fear that a typical, Suburban, British jury would view said film as: 'Disgusting - therefore they must be guilty!'

The case had been hanging over our heads for well over 2 years - the police had spent over 6 years building up this case - so letting us get away by walking out of court was not really a possibility, especially with the Court at Guildford, and the head judge there who was so keen to try us. Initially we were both indicted on 19 counts, so as you can imagine a trial that ~~dicted~~ to show a jury 38 films would go on for 2-3 weeks, and if we were found guilty the chances were that Lindsay Honey and I would be left with prosecution costs of around £50,000! So that alone frightened the shit out of us -

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not to mention the immense strain of a lengthy trial. After waiting over 2 years for it to come to court I must admit we both were mentally drained. So we bargained and I pleaded guilty to 2 counts, Lindsay Honey, to 7.

I still believe we made the right decision, as so few British citizens are happy to admit the enjoy 'dirty' movies! I suspect a not guilty plea would have resulted ultimately in our incarceration probably Lindsay Honey for 18 months, myself for 9 months!

Anyway David Let's hope we can change this 'obscene' state of affairs. Believe me when I get released I shan't be keeping a low profile. On the day they let me out I'm a guest on the James Whale Show where I intend to voice my views very

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Best wishes

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