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January 13th 1992

Dear Mr Webb,

Please find enclosed completed application form with regard to your campaign together with P/O for £15. Whilst both registered as unemployed, myself and my wife strongly support your campaign and its aims and hope that this small amount will prove useful to you. At some point in the future I will be ordering some, if not all of the publications you offer within your leaflet but of immediate importance to us are some concerns that maybe you could offer some advice on.

On November 25th 1991 we were subjected to a raid at our home address by the police under the Obscene Publications Act. I was not at home but my wife Elizabeth, who after undergoing a particularly stressful operation only two days previous to this was home, tucked up in bed. She was left some two hours later in an extremely distressed state and in no small amount of pain after being made to get up and accompany some six officers around the house during what can only be described as a 'Nazi Operation'. Her bed, which for reasons of comfort and warmth had been made up in our lounge, had been wrecked and left upside when the officers finally left the premises.

It now transpires that the officers knew that I was not at home and in fact probably expected the house to be empty because one of the CID present confirmed with my wife that I was attending the trial of a friend of mine. I wondered why, after leaving my wife in such a distressed state, was I not contacted by the police. It was only when I telephoned home during the lunch hour that I found out what had happened. My wife was in terrible pain on the phone and was crying and horribly distressed. Is this normal practice?

In all their wisdom (?) the police took an entire video tape collection (including blank tapes) which contained in the main television recorded films and sport - boxing, kick boxing etc etc but did include some explicit tapes which were personal and not kept for any gain or commercial purposes. The same to be said of a large number of magazines, again of an explicit Female Domination nature. I can only describe it as an excersize in humiliation inflicted upon my wife when the officers rifled her very personal belongings taking a number of sex aids which we use during our normal sex life (vibrators etc), along with a suitcase full of her various fetish clothing and footwear again used during our normal sex life. Also taken was correspondence and documentation relating to a very private and discreet postal club that is administered from home and dealing in the main with Female Domination and Transvestite matters. Completely harmless and with strict rules of application and membership and with advertising only appearing in specialist adult publications. No unsolicited material is sent to anyone and a very discreet letter is forwarded to all who reply to advertising so that no cross wires are created. This club/society is run on a non profit making basis with cost covering fee and subscriptions ONLY applying.

Although I am registered as unemployed, I am also registered as seeking part time work in photography and a little graphic design. The police removed all of my photographic equipment and my computer and printers. The computer which does NOT have a hard disc and so therefore doesn't hold any information anyway is useless to them but whilst they hold it I am unable to seek any or carry out any work of any kind. They took also master discs holding programs and data which is completely and totally irrelevant to them. I wouldn't expect them to take 'my' word on that, but despite several attempts through my solicitor these things have still not been returned to me. Two weeks after the event, my case of camera bodies and lenses were returned but are completely useless with the case of flash equipment. Of more concern is the fact that we have not been supplied with an itemised list of what was taken. The search warrant tells only a tiny part of what was taken (photocopy enclosed). These concerns are heightened even more when I tell you that envelopes containing electric, gas and telephone bills were taken along with cash enclosed in the envelopes and ready to be paid. Is it illegal to pay domestic bills?

Surely a gross invasion of privacy and denial of rights has occurred? It seems that the only reason for non return of totally irrelevant articles is that myself and my wife have previous convictions under the Obscene Publications Act. This was a first offence for us both and for which we served each a six month prison sentence and were each fined £1000.

It is our concerns surrounding that 1989 case that make us so venomous now and strong in our feelings that we do not want the same to happen to us again. At Swansea Crown Court in 1989 we were crucified. One expression used was 'using a sledgehammer to crack a nut'. It transpired that our solicitor was ex CID and who was to say the least, very friendly, with the prosecuting CID. I think we had been hung drawn and quartered before we even got into court. Our barrister was brilliant but seemed adamant in only testing the obscene publications law and with no view of our personal circumstances surrounding the case so unchallenged went the fact the the police officers involved told blatant lies regarding what was said during their visit to us and during subsequent unrecorded conversations. We were made to look the lowest of the low even though we had done no harm to anyone. We sold a few photograph sets to those that requested them. Brushed aside also was the fact that a whole file of correspondence which would have supported our defence went missing. Once again a detailed list of what was taken was never ever supplied to us. A lot of treasured photographs (not sexual in content at all) were destroyed because of that. Literally we were ripped to pieces and the whole case took 18 months to reach its conclusion.

Hopefully you can understand that we cannot let the same happen to us again even if we are confident that no such case exists against us. In 1989 the system swamped us, we went through the whole thing alone and with no one, seemingly to back us up - we paid the price. It seemed that was no one who even remotely understood our view (and yours) - consenting adults sharing harmless fun and games in letters, photographs etc.

It has now been almost 8 weeks since we were visited. We haven't been charged with any 'offence' nor have we been interviewed. There has been no contact from the police and little more from our solicitor who may be possibly a little overwhelmed by it all. Our area is quiet, nothing ever happens. The last controversy down here was our own case in 1989 - this is still very much on the minds of the locals. This in itself brings into question the possibility of having a fair trial if one should be brought. During these times it is so easy to feel alone and with all the odds seemingly stacked against one. Also, is it viable for us to use the aims (which we sincerely believe in) of your campaign as our defence whilst at the same time using a seemingly unfair and downright gross invasion of privacy and police tactics as added defence? Likewise it seems grossly unfair that whilst you can turn on the TV set and watch a blow by blow account of a rape trial, live and as it happens, a group of people in private are seemingly not permitted to share their harmless and private sexual interests. What next? With recent press revelations I would also think that both the police and CPS should get their own house in

* KENNEDY - 5m. 71 TRIAL.

order before invading the privacy of others. Every aspect of these cases seems so unfair.

This letter must seem to you, a jumble of information but we would be interested in your views. Any advice, especially on the legal aspect and the fact that I have been prevented from working, or attempting to obtain any work at all for two months and the retention of items of absolutely no relevance in this case, would be welcome. I have enclosed a SAE and I have also included our telephone number. You are welcome to 'phone any time during the day, although evenings are the best time to catch us in. On January 25th, two months by date after the police visit I intend to make the earliest appointment with my solicitor to see if any further action can be taken. It might help if I had some advice to go to him with from someone, such as maybe yourself, for him to work on?

Once again, we both support your cause down to the core and you can rely on us at all times for support. Please let us know if there is any way in which we can be of use to you.

Sincerely



Steve & Elizabeth Hancock

Phoned 21/1/92
at 10.15 pm.

Copy of this correspondence passed
on to Ted Goodman. 29/1/92

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, s. 15

WARRANT TO ENTER AND SEARCH PREMISES



Magistrates' Court

(Code)

Specify
name of
applicantState
enactment
under which
warrant is to
be issuedSpecify
premisesIdentify, so
far as is
practicable
the articles or
persons to be
soughtDelete any
words in
square
brackets which
do not apply.

On this day an application supported by an information was made by: *Inspector John Poon*
for the issue of a warrant under *Section 3, Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, as amended*
by Section 84, Criminal Justice Act 1971
Section 53 (Schedule 12), Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

to enter and search the premises at:
55 HIGH STREET, PEMBROKE DOCK, DUNFEE

and search for: *ARTICLES BELIEVED TO BE SCENE ARTICLES AND KEPT FOR*
PUBLICATION FOR GAIN, TO SEIZE AND REMOVE ANY SUCH ARTICLES AND
ANYTHING INTENDED TO BE USED FOR REPRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURE OF
SUCH ARTICLES

AUTHORITY IS HEREBY GIVEN for any constable [accompanied by
] TO ENTER THE SAID PREMISES on one occasion only,
within one month from the date of issue of this warrant and TO SEARCH for the articles or
persons in respect of which the above application is made.

DATED the

*22. 11.*19 *91.**M. Russell*
Justice of the Peace

A copy of this warrant should be left with the occupier of the premises or, in his/her absence, a
person who appears to be in charge of the premises, or if no such person is present, in a
prominent place on the premises.

ENDORSEMENT - to be made by constable executing the warrant.

1. [The following articles or persons sought were found: (continue overleaf or attach separate sheet if necessary)]

Computer and Printer 1) *Computer* 2) *Printer*
3) *Outlet Magazines* 4) *Bank books*
5) *Letters Bank Statements* 6) *Correspondence*
7) *Almanac* 8) *Photographs* 9) *Postbox*

[No article or person was found]

2. The following articles other than articles which were sought were seized: (continue overleaf or attach separate sheet if necessary)

Small clothes
Sexual Aids
Video Tapes
Photographic Equipment
Photographs

3. This warrant was executed on *28th November* 19 *91.* at *10.30* am/pm.

4. The name(s) of the officer(s) executing this warrant are: *Inspector J Poon, PC Allan 168,*
PC Thomas 401, PC Roberts 236, PC Howells 181, WPC Cameron 815

5. A copy of this warrant was [handed to the occupier] [left on the premises (specify where)]

Date

*28th November*19 *91.*

Signature of constable

Mr. Inspector

SECOND COPY WARRANT - To be left with the occupier
of the premises or, in his/her absence, left with a person
who appears to be in charge of the premises, or if no such
person is present, left in a prominent place on the premises.