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14th. September, 1993

Dear Mr. Webb,

I have now received more correspondence from my solicitor, including a copy of a letter to him from Customs and Excise. Copies are enclosed.

As you can see, my solicitor reiterates his opinion that any challenge by me would be unsuccessful, and the letter from Customs is now demanding a response from me by 17th. September.

If you have any words of wisdom for me, or any advice that might be in any way helpful, I think I need it now. Otherwise I think the time has come for me to give in to 'Big Brother'.

I look forward to your (hopefully prompt and encouraging) reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Our Ref: RH/eho/WIL 47/1
Your Ref:

13th September 1993

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I enclose a copy of a letter recently received from Mr Rea at Customs & Excise and relating to the Seizure Notice.

As you know, we have corresponded on this matter, and my view is that any challenge of the seizure notice would be unsuccessful. I certainly do not feel that you should spend further monies on my pursuing this matter on your behalf. I think that such monies would be wasted.

Having said that, I am aware of the point of principle that you take. Could you please let me know one way or the other what you wish me to do.

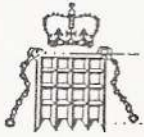
I look forward to hearing from you by return, so that I can respond to Mr Rea before 17th September.

Yours sincerely



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Date ~~5 August~~ ^{5 Sept} 1993

Dear Mr Harris

RE : MR [REDACTED], SEIZURE NOTICE DATE 11 DECEMBER 1992

With regard to the letter that I sent to you dated 11 August 1993. As I explained in that letter it is our view that the action of seizing the material we still hold, as liable to forfeiture, was correct in law.

It is not our intention to restore any of this material. I now need to know if Mr [REDACTED] wishes to formally contest our actions in this respect. If this is so, we are required in law to order condemnation proceedings which are dealt with in a Civil Court. The sole aim of these proceedings is to decide whether the remaining material was liable to forfeiture and in seizing it from Mr [REDACTED] we acted correctly in law.

In my letter of 11 August, I explained the provisions of Section 141(4)(b) Customs and Excise Management Act 1979. It is common practice for this department to use Sec.141 CEMA, to effect seizure in cases involving indecent/obscene material, it is our belief a court would find in our favour.

In order that Mr [REDACTED] can consider the position we are prepared to delay the institution of proceedings, but insist on a reply by 17 Sept 93

Yours sincerely

M J REA
Senior Officer
Frontier Team 1