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House of Commons,
Westminster, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Freud,

It was a great pleasure meeting you at the House of Commons on 11th February and I'm delighted that you are in sympathy with the cause and have agreed to serve on the Committee, as well as so kindly affording us the facilities of the Committee Rooms there for our meetings.

It's taking a little time to get in all the replies (from the people I've approached) but this afternoon, I met Dr. Brian Richards at the British Museum for a long chat. You may remember that he gave valuable evidence at the "Linda Lovelace" trial and has featured prominently in the ensuing public debate. He too is, of course, 100% behind the campaign and has also agreed to serve on the committee.

Neil Kinnock, M.P. for Bedwelty, has replied saying that he does uphold my views and will happily associate himself with the campaign, although he feels that his many other preoccupations will not permit him to take a very active part. He has certainly promised his support in the event of any amending legislation coming before the House.

Norman St. John Stevas, M.P. for Chelmsford, thanked me for writing to him but says that his position as a member of the Shadow Cabinet precludes him from accepting my invitation.

Philip Whitehead, M.P. for Derby North, has surprised me by declining my invitation because he is not, he says, in favour of the repeal of the Obscene Publications Acts, as I supposed, although he has "a great deal of sympathy" with what I say.

Ben Whitaker, the Chairman of the Defence of Literature & the Arts Society, has promised to put my proposals to his executive committee meeting on Wednesday evening and Mrs. Enid Wistrich, the Greater London Councillor, who is also on that committee, has invited me to attend. I have decided to do so but have pointed out that I cannot accept any dilution of the proposals I have expressed because it really

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is high time that the "anti-censorship, anti Obscene Publications Acts lobby" mustered its forces and its many protagonists stood up, fearlessly and unashamedly, to be counted. Dr. Richards agrees most strongly with these sentiments and I think and hope that you do likewise.

Suggestions for possible committee members are being slowly but surely put forward by various parties and I'm doing my best to follow up every seemingly worthwhile suggestion but this does, of course, take time.

I know that you are waiting to hear from me when we're ready for "the off" but I thought I should bring you a little more up to date with what's been happening.

Meantime all good wishes and I hope to be in touch again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

David Webb