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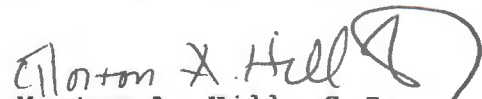
The Honorable Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mort:

I said I would forward a copy of this letter to you. Do with it as you will.

Prayerful best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Sincerely and Gratefully,


Morton A. Hill, S.J.

Enc.

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December 2, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As well you know, never in the history of mankind has civilization been so threatened by the genius of man as it is today. The world is now held hostage by its own creation -- nuclear devastation.

Paranoia is extant. The people of the world live in constant fear of a catastrophe. What is desperately needed is a new, fresh approach to ease the tension of mankind.

I propose "Peace through nuclear exchange"/ Npt the devastation of mutual destruction - but the peace of mutual trust.

If the President of the United States proposed that the entire inter-continental defense of the U.S. be turned over to Russian technicians, provided the entire Russian inter-continental defense be in turn, turned over to American technicians, this would prove to the world that America is determined to save civilization.

If the Russians accepted, it would be the first step towards total elimination of all nuclear weapons. If they refused, we would be admired world-wide for our exchange peace initiative.

Something must be done, and soon, if mankind is to continue to enjoy the tranquillity of peace.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Long

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December 5, 1983

The Honorable Stephen H. Galebach
Office of Policy Development
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Steve:

I just received some disturbing news concerning the "dial-a-porn" situation. Perhaps you can help.

You may know that representative Thomas J. Bliley Jr. (R-Virginia) recently introduced an amendment to the appropriations bill for the Federal Communications Commission, HR 2755, which would change the Federal Communications Act to make it clear that the 13 "dial-a-porn" telephone numbers operating out of New York City are illegal. Naturally we were pleased that the bill had passed through the Congress.

Unfortunately we just found out that the Bliley amendment was killed at the 11th hour by the House Judiciary Committee which substituted language that requires the FCC to investigate how to prevent children from dialing these numbers. Of course, the ultimate conclusion will be that such prevention is impossible. The good intentions of Congressman Bliley have gone down the drain, and the FCC will continue to do nothing about this problem, which has outraged millions of the nation's parents.

Because this is an appropriations bill, we assume the President will sign it. However, I suggest that you strongly recommend that he publicly express reservations about the effectiveness of this new directive in solving the "dial-a-porn" controversy.

Sincerely and Gratefully,

Morton A. Hill, S.J.

cc: Morton Blackwell ✓

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December 2, 1983

Mr. Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr.
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: White House Anti-
Obscenity Conference

Dear Mr. Fahrenkopf:

You spoke privately to our vice-president, Mr. Edgar Debany, this week at the dinner held by the Fordham University Center for Study of the Presidency, and suggested he write you about the following matter. He asked that I do so.

He told you at the dinner that President Reagan had met in the White House with a coalition, reflecting the thinking of over 100 million Americans, on the pervasiveness of pornography in America. The coalition requested aggressive enforcement of federal obscenity laws, since those laws have been sitting on the books almost unused by the Department of Justice for the past eight years. The President was receptive to the group's recommendation that a Coordinator be appointed to pull together the work of the four enforcement agencies involved, (Justice, FBI, Postal and Customs Services), and told them, "We must get the most from the laws on the books."

The Coordinator was appointed in June, but no progress has been made, since his efforts and those of the Customs Service have been stymied by the continuing refusal of Justice, under the direction of Assistant Attorney General Stephen S. Trott, to cooperate. This is explained in the attached letter to the President.

We learned yesterday of a meeting in Mr. Trott's office this week in which he unequivocally restated his position that enforcement of the laws should depend on criteria that would in reality, mean only continued non-enforcement, while the criminal pornography traffic continues unabated. This position is not only frustrating the enthusiastic efforts of the Customs Service, but causing them a morale problem, since Justice is refusing to prosecute most of the material Customs is seizing at our borders. Justice, in short, seems to be ignoring the President's expressed wish to "get the most from the laws on the books."

The coalition's requests for aggressive enforcement and a

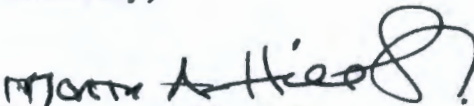
Mr. Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr.
December 2, 1983
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Coordinator were reinforced by letters to the President from more than 100 Catholic Bishops, Greek and Eastern Orthodox Bishops, the Mormon church, Jerry Falwell, National Religious Broadcasters, the President of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, and many prominent American laymen.

The coalition has been patient to this point, and has not gone public. If there is no dramatic shift on the part of the Justice Department, we very soon may, possibly in early 1984.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you intercede with the President and urge him to act. Surely Justice does not speak for the Administration in this area.

Sincerely,


Morton A. Hill, S.J.

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Mr Wendell J. Ashton,
Deseret News
Mr. Virgil Dechant,
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As I told you when I last wrote, a White House Working Group on Pornography was formed in June as a result of our meeting with President Reagan at which we requested vigorous enforcement of federal anti-obscenity laws.

We had recommended to the President that he publicly announce that the pornography traffic is a matter of national concern, that he direct the Attorney General to enforce the laws and that he appoint a coordinator to pull together the work of the four federal enforcement agencies involved.

Stephen Galebach of the White House of Policy Development was appointed executive secretary (coordinator) of the Working Group. Our General Counsel and I met with Steve in July at the White House and are meeting with him again next week.

However, no public announcement has been made. Steve understandably preferred to work quietly for a "few months," and we deferred to his wishes, even postponing our own public announcement.

At the present time, three months later, we have seen little coming from the Working Group, and we fear that without a public announcement there will be no serious action. We feel that Steve Galebach can use the support such an announcement will bring if he is to accomplish his mission.

Meantime, the Playboy Channel, featuring pornographic films and other Playboy material, is laying plans to move more rapidly into the homes of the nation via cable television. Already they have 500,000 subscribers, on almost 300 cable

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systems, and are determined that cable revenues will recoup losses incurred by their magazine and gambling casinos. We have viewed this channel and it is far worse than we imagined, and in our opinion is a violation of federal law.

In New York City, a special telephone number (976-2727) featuring a recorded message prepared by a pornographic magazine, is receiving 600,000 telephone calls a day, largely from children. This message, changed four times daily, is an audio portrayal of sexual intercourse, masturbation, bestiality and sado-masochism and is in violation of federal law.

In New Jersey in June, 5 little boys below the age of 13 gang-raped a tiny five-year old girl after viewing pornographic films in motel rooms where their families were staying.

I might add a new low has been reached. Last week a priest received in the mail from San Francisco a magazine in which the centerfold carried a cartoon of our Blessed Lord naked on the cross with sexual activity indicated. In the same issue there was a description of a sex act being perpetrated on the Christ Child.

We feel that unless this trend is reversed now, while it can be reversed, the United States will reach total decadence before the end of the century.

May I ask you, therefore, once again to write the President and request that he publicly state this is a matter of national concern and that he direct the Attorney General to enforce existing federal obscenity laws. Your letter does not have to be long, but it is clear that your thinking reflects the thinking of millions of Americans. I would deeply appreciate receiving a copy.

I would also respectfully suggest that you issue a statement urging your people to write letters of support to the President for his concern.

I will be in touch with you again after our meeting with Steve Galebach.

Sincerely and Gratefully,

Morton A. Hill, S.J.

Memo from —

REV. MORTON A. HILL, S.J.

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Sept 20, 1983

Dear Morton,

I know you will be
~~interested~~ in this
memo.

Morton Hill?

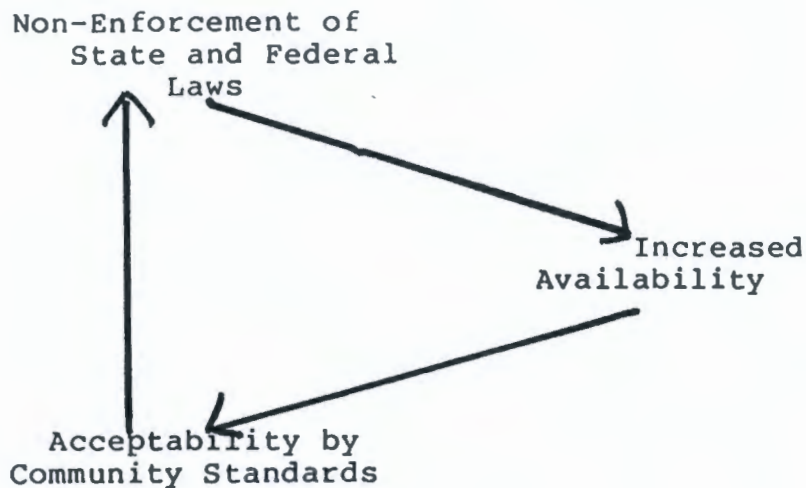
TO: Father Morton A. Hill, S.J.
FROM: Paul J. McGeady, General Counsel
DATE: September 15, 1983
RE: Enforcement of Anti-Pornography Laws - Department
of Justice - Letter of August 24, 1983

The letter of Stephen Trott to all U.S. Attorneys is in my opinion entirely unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

1. He has told the United States Attorneys throughout the country that they are to become the judge and jurors of community standards in their district. He indicates that they may do this without conducting any survey or polling of the people of their districts to find out what the community standards are. In doing so, he has in effect decided that none of the four federal obscenity laws will be enforced in entire districts, if the United States Attorney makes a determination (just as Trott did) that availability of pornographic material is equivalent to acceptability by the community. The United States Supreme Court has said in so many words that availability of such materials proves nothing except that other persons are engaging in similar activities. The question of the community standard has traditionally been left up to the trier of fact. This is a job for the jury which the Supreme Court has said is uniquely suited for this task since it is a cross section of the community. The prosecutor's function is strictly to determine if probable cause exists and not to write off "from now to eternity" complete federal districts based on his subjective conception of what the community standard is without investigation or valid proof. Congress never gave a prosecutor the authority to strike off four complete sections of the Federal Criminal Code based on his subjective determination—yet this is what Mr. Trott is suggesting should be done by the United States Attorneys and

this is what he will tell them if they call or speak to him in response to this letter. Trott's approach is bad news and a complete capitulation to pornographers. He is giving them a license to operate in the Central District of California, including Los Angeles, and the Southern District of New York which includes Manhattan.

2. By his reference to the level of activity of local officials, he has given United States Attorneys a slightly disguised coded signal that they themselves need not bother enforcing federal obscenity laws if local state officials (for whatever motivation) are not enforcing state laws. In other words, he is saying that in New York City, since Morgenthau is not enforcing obscenity laws, then you need not bother to enforce federal obscenity laws. In California the former Chief of Police of San Francisco (now a state senator) testified last year that the California obscenity law was unenforceable because of the "utterly without redeeming social importance" third prong, and that the law was not being enforced. So we have a situation that because of a weak, unenforceable state law, the federal authority now will not enforce the federal law. This is a Catch-22 situation—The local and federal laws are not being enforced, therefore increasing the availability of the material. The availability of the material, according to Mr. Trott, means such material is acceptable by community standards. You find yourself going around in a Big Circle and that circle can be outlined in the following diagram:



3. The combination of the determination of community standards by means of availability and the non-enforcement by local and federal officials means that for sure there will be no activity in the Central District of California, including Los Angeles, and the Southern District of New York, including New York City. These are two major producers and distributors of obscenity nationwide and because the present policy of the Justice Department is to bring cases where the material originates, this means that the Trott approach will vitiate prosecutions for the entire country.
4. While the suggestion that the United States Attorneys consult with the Postal Inspector in his district and the Special Agents in Charge in local F.B.I. offices would normally be considered an improvement, this too raises false hopes. In the first place the Postal Service has discouraged prosecution of adult obscenity and sent out letters signed by Mr. Benson, presently the Assistant Postmaster General, to the effect that they are no longer to use "decoy letters" on adult obscenity cases. This meant that in the last three years investigations have been infinitesimal and convictions a big zero. There is no indication that Postal Inspectors have been told that they are

to be concerned about adult obscenity prosecutions or to enforce the statute or that their prior letter preventing decoy letters is rescinded. The incoming postal employee put in charge of pornography investigations in New York City told the outgoing employee (who was prevented from going after adult obscenity) that he could see the handwriting on the wall and if you go after porn you'll be out of a job. With this background in the Postal Service and with a lack of enthusiasm shown by the Postmaster General, a meeting between United States Attorneys and local post office officials will amount to an exchange of information to the effect that local post office officials are prevented from sending "decoy" letters and therefore you won't get any business from me. The Special Agent in charge of the F.B.I. is obviously not going to move unless told by Mr. Webster to go after pornography vigorously. Such instruction has not been issued. In fact, in New York officials of the F.B.I. assigned to porn in both the Southern District and the Eastern District said as late as last week that they had no intention of going after adult porn violations. The Washington, D.C. office of the United States Attorney has told the Metropolitan Police that they will not authorize any search warrants for obscene films.

5. In my opinion this letter is a cover-up by the Department of Justice solely to placate Mr. Galebach and your Coalition. The type of letter you need is that sent out from the Justice Department on child porn. In those instructions there was nothing about community standards or non-enforcement by local officials. They just told them to go out and get it. They also were told that Postal Inspectors could by-pass the Washington office and go directly to the United States Attorney. My conclusion is that it would have been better if the letter of August 24, 1983 have never been sent because now we have Trott's approach. What he should have said is that if you have hard core sexual depictions without medical or scientific justification you have probable cause and leave the

"pruriency" or "is patently offensive by community standards" to the jury. In other words, crack down on porn. If they do what they did in the Southern District of California, then they will do nothing. It is an open invitation not to enforce the obscenity laws. Thus Trott's approach rejects the will of Congress. We should reject any "cosmetic" approach suggested by the Justice Department and complain directly to the President that they are frustrating his expressed desire that the federal obscenity laws be enforced. Trott said that "Debbie Does Dallas" and "Deep Throat" do not offend the community standards of the Central District of California¹. I append to this letter his statement as well as a description of "Deep Throat" taken from the time a conviction was had on that motion picture in the State of New York and the characterization of "Debbie Does Dallas" by the New York Federal Court. Trott in effect says that the standards of the Southern District of California are lower in his opinion than the standards of Sodom and Gomorrah. With Mr. Trott heading up the Criminal Division, your efforts are in vain.

6. I suggest you appeal directly to the President of the United States.

¹ It is noteworthy that the highest courts in nine states have held "Deep Throat" to be obscene: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, and South Dakota.

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February 16, 1983

Mr. Dennis Jarrard
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Dear Mr. Jarrard:

Since our meeting on the subject of "Debbie Does Dallas," I have met extensively with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and my staff to discuss the possibilities of investigating and prosecuting the persons who transported and exhibited that film in Santa Barbara. The results of our meetings was a decision by me that we could not reasonably expect a conviction with respect to that film, and I cannot therefore justify the use of any of our limited resources for either a detailed investigation or prosecution.

As you well know, the law in this area is very different from most of the criminal laws that we enforce. The question of what is obscene essentially comes down to a constantly changing variable--the community standard. A burglary is a burglary and a grand theft is a grand theft, but the question of what is obscene under the law depends on the tenor of the times in the district wherein the material is being exhibited. This in many ways is regrettable because it allows the moral deterioration of an area caused by filth to become a constitutional impediment against doing anything about it. But, that is the law and we are bound by it; and based on the contemporary community standard in the Central District of California, we regretably do not believe that "Debbie Does Dallas" contains material that will convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that the law insofar as it is controlled by the "acceptability" standard has been violated. Even Larry Parish's comprehensive article on the subject sent to me by Bruce Taylor is of no help. It is a simple and sad fact that material similar in almost every respect to "Debbie" is not only overtly available but also generally acceptable throughout this district in many forms: films, video cassettes, cable T.V., and

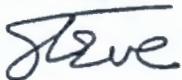
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even late night commercial T.V. I personally mounted vigorous assaults when I was in the District Attorney's Office against Deep Throat, the Devil and Miss Jones, and many things far worse, and we never ever came close in Los Angeles to obtaining a conviction. I realize that the Miller Standard is far easier to work with in some respects than Section 311 of the California State Penal Code, but the fact remains that in our judgment, we cannot satisfy either when it comes to this kind of material.

I remain fully aware of the President's commitment to use federal law where possible against actionable obscenity, having discussed it briefly with the Attorney General himself two weeks ago while I was in Washington. I am also in complete agreement with his position and in fact we are working up a major child pornography case right now which will be vigorously prosecuted on a priority basis. But I simply cannot authorize a prosecution that in my professional judgment is doomed to failure.

I know that this letter will not please you. It doesn't particularly please me either. I am trying to raise a family in this area and I would be far happier if we didn't have to put up with this stuff, especially on our university campuses. It would be improper for me to substitute my own values for the law, however, and I would be abusing my limited resources if I decided to take on this case. I can't expect you to accept this decision, but I did want you to know the basis on which it was made.

Sincerely,



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June 11, 1982

Dear Madam:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we respectfully request that you furnish us with the following information for the fiscal years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 for the Central District of California.

1. The number of prosecutions instituted under Title 18 U.S.C. 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464 and 1465 respectively.
2. The number of convictions obtained under each of these sections for cases instituted during the above periods.
3. The number of defendants convicted during that period involved in the same prosecution.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

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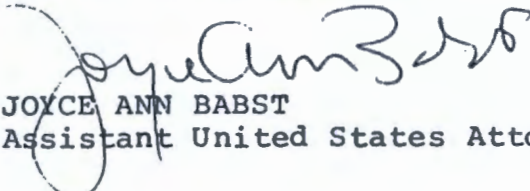
Dear Mr. McGeady:

In response to your inquiry dated June 11, 1982, this is to inform you that we prosecuted one case pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. Sections 1462, 2251, 2252 in 1980. This prosecution resulted in the conviction of one person.

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN S. TROTT
United States Attorney


JOYCE ANN BABST
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OPINION

JOEL J. TYLER, Judge.

We are again thrust into the overexplored thicket of obscenity law. The defendant is charged with promotion, or possession with intent to promote, obscene material, knowing the contents and character thereof, all in violation of Penal Law § 235.05, Subd. 1, a class A misdemeanor.¹ It was tried before the Court without a jury.²

What is involved is the showing in a public theatre, at a \$5.00 per admission charge, of the film "Deep Throat." The case has engendered some public interest here and elsewhere. However, it is not unique. Many cases dealing with depiction of the same or similar deviate sexual behavior have been reported, but few have had such a full measure of directed publicity.

The Film

The film runs 62 minutes. It is in color and in sound, and boasts a musical score. Following the first innocuous scene ("heroine" driving a car), the film runs from one act of explicit sex into another, forthrightly demonstrating heterosexual intercourse and a variety of deviate sexual acts, not "fragmentary and fleeting" as to be *de minimis* as in *Jacobellis v. Ohio*, 378 U.S. 184, 197-198, 84 S.Ct. 1676, 12 L.Ed.2d 793 [1964], *Goldberg, J.*, or 10 minutes out of a 120-minute movie as in *I Am Curious Yellow* (404 F.2d 196, 203, *infra*); but here it permeates and engulfs the film from beginning to end. The camera angle, emphasis and close-up zooms were directed, as in *United States v. Kaehler, D.C.*, 353 F.Supp. 476, 477, "toward a maximum exposure in detail of the genitalia" during the gymnastics, gyrations, bobbing, trundling, surging, ebb and flowing, eddying, moaning, groaning and sighing, all with ebullience and gusto.

There were so many and varied forms of sexual activity one would tend to lose count of them. However, the news reporters were more adept and counted seven separate acts of fellatio and four of cunnilingus (*Newsweek*, 1/15/73, p. 50; *New York Times Mag. Sec.* 1/31/73, p. 28). Such concentration upon the acts of fellatio and cunnilingus overlooked the numerous clear, clinical acts of sexual intercourse, anal sodomy, female masturbation, clear depiction of seminal fluid ejaculation and an orgy scene—a *Sodom and Gomorrah* gone wild before the fire—all of which is enlivened with the now famous "four letter

¹ The defendant was charged with two separate violations, in that, it presented the film involved on August 17, 1972 (Docket No. A54434) and on August 29, 1972 (Docket No. A63354).

² The defendant moved in the Supreme Court for a jury trial; the motion was denied, in that the defendant, as a corporation, had no right to a jury trial. *Maure Enterprise v. Hogan*, N.Y.L.J., 60v. 16, 1972, p. 2, col. 1.

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words" and finally with bells ringing and rockets bursting in climactic ecstasy.

The performance of one sexual act runs almost headlong into the other. One defense witness thought 75 to 80% of the film involved depiction of explicit sexual activity and another viewed it at over 50%. A timekeeper may have clocked a higher percentage. Nothing was faked or simulated; it was as explicit and as exquisite as life. One defense witness said he saw "realism and genuine sexual experience." No imagination was needed, since it was intended to appeal to the imbecile as well.

The defense expert witnesses testified that the film possessed entertainment value and humor. The court in *People ex rel. Hicks v. "Sarong Gals"*, 27 Cal.App.3d 46, 51, 103 Cal.Rptr. 414, 417 (1972) appropriately answered that tedious and tenuous argument often, but conscientiously, made in obscenity cases which have nothing to redeem them:

"Presumably, the Romans of the First Century derived entertainment from witnessing Christians being devoured by lions. Given the right audience, the spectacle of a man committing an act of sodomy on another man would provide entertainment value. However, neither this spectacle nor the activities described in the instant case are invested with constitutionally protected values merely because they entertain viewers. However chaotic the law may be in this field, no court has yet adopted such an extreme result."

In passing, it should be noted that the defense "expert" witnesses were unpersuasive in the main. For example, a defense psychologist testified that he would use films like *Deep Throat* as classroom sex educational material not only in colleges but for certain high school students as well.

The alleged "humor" of the film is sick, and designed on a level to appeal especially to those first learning that boys and girls are different. Drama critic, Vincent Canby, characterizes the jokes as "dumb gags, [which] cannot disguise the straight porno intent."³ This, the defense experts here maintain, helps redeem the film as worthwhile. As to plot, there is none, unless you exclude the sexual activity, which is the sole plot. And as to character development, a desirable and necessary concomitant of meaningful film, stage or book, again there is none, unless, of course, one means that the progression (or retrogression) of multiple and varied nymphomania to a singular form (fellatio) is evidence of this attribute.

³ *New York Times*, Arts and Leisure Sect., p. 1, 1-21, 73. Ellen Willis in *The New York Review of Books*, Jan. 25, 1973 (pp. 22, 23), characterizes the jokes as "moronic."

depicting Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders in their uniforms. These products have enjoyed nationwide commercial success, due largely to the national exposure the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders have received through the news and entertainment media. Moreover, plaintiff has expended large amounts of money to acquaint the public with its uniformed cheerleaders and earns substantial revenue from their commercial appearances.

At all the football games and public events where plaintiff's cheerleaders appear and on all commercial items depicting the cheerleaders, the women are clad in plaintiff's distinctive uniform. The familiar outfit consists of white vinyl boots, white shorts, a white belt decorated with blue stars, a blue bolero blouse, and a white vest decorated with three blue stars on each side of the front and a white fringe around the bottom. In this action plaintiff asserts that it has a trademark in its uniform and that defendants have infringed and diluted that trademark in advertising and exhibiting "Debbie Does Dallas."

Pussycat Cinema, Ltd., is a New York corporation which owns a movie theatre in New York City; Zafarano is the corporation's sole stockholder. In November 1978 the Pussycat Cinema began to show "Debbie Does Dallas," a gross and revolting sex film whose plot, to the extent that there is one, involves a cheerleader at a fictional high school, Debbie, who has been selected to become a "Texas Cowgirl."¹ In order to raise enough money to send Debbie, and eventually the entire squad, to Dallas, the cheer-

¹ The official appellation of plaintiff's cheerleaders is "Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders", but the district court found that plaintiff also has a trademark in the names "Dallas Cowgirls" and "Texas Cowgirls" which have been made popular by the media.

leaders perform sexual services for a fee. The movie consists largely of a series of scenes graphically depicting the sexual escapades of the "actors". In the movie's final scene Debbie dons a uniform strikingly similar to that worn by the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and for approximately twelve minutes of film footage engages in various sex acts while clad or partially clad in the uniform. Defendants advertised the movie with marquee posters depicting Debbie in the allegedly infringing uniform and containing such captions as "Starring Ex Dallas Cowgirl Cheerleader Bambi Woods" and "You'll do more than cheer for this X Dallas Cheerleader."² Similar advertisements appeared in the newspapers.

Plaintiff brought this action alleging trademark infringement under section 43(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)), unfair competition, and dilution of trademark in violation of section 368-d of the New York General Business Law. The district court, in its oral opinion of February 13, 1979, found that "plaintiff ha[d] succeeded in proving by overwhelming evidence the merits of each one of its contentions." Defendants challenge the validity of all three claims.

A preliminary issue raised by defendants is whether plaintiff has a valid trademark in its cheerleader uniform.³ Defendants argue that the uniform

² Bambi Woods, the woman who played the role of Debbie, is not now and never has been a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader.

³ At present plaintiff does not have a registered trademark or service mark in its uniform. However, plaintiff still may prevail if it establishes that it has a common law trademark or service mark. See *Boston Professional Hockey Association v. Dallas Cap & Emblem Mfg., Inc.*, 510 F.2d 1004, 1010 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 423 U.S. 991 (1975); New York General Business Law § 368-d. Whether plaintiff's uniform is considered as a trademark or a service mark, the standards for determining infringement are the same. *West & Co. v. Arica Institute, Inc.*, 557 F.2d 338, 340 n.1 (2d Cir. 1977).

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1 have become identified in the public mind with plain-
2 tiff's cheerleader group. The evidence further shows
3 that the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders uniform has come to
4 be identified as the distinctive uniform of plaintiff's
5 group, and is associated with the Dallas Cowboys Cheer-
6 leaders as distinguished from other entertainment groups.
7 This identification and association have been acquired
8 through use of the uniform in Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders
9 performances and appearances, both live and on television,
10 over a period of about seven years, and through the use
11 of the uniform in the licensed products already
12 described.

13 It appears that the 'world premiere' of Debbie Does
14 Dallas occurred at the Pussycat Cinema at 49th and Broad-
15 way, New York City, in October 1978. Plaintiff enter-
16 tained the hope that the film would promptly pass out of
17 existence and that no court action would be required.
18 However, the film kept showing in New York City, and
19 plaintiff learned of the arrangements for distribution
20 elsewhere. Therefore this action was commenced. At
21 about this time the film was moved from Pussycat Cinema
22 to a nearby theater, Pussycat Cinema 2.

23 The film Debbie Does Dallas lasts for 90 minutes.
24 It has no other purpose than to display sex acts in
25 minute detail. There are seven women involved in sex
26 acts with various men. The episodes are strung together
27 with what purports to be a kind of narrative. However,
28 the narrative, and any dialogue which is presented,
clearly have no purpose but to try to add to the titilla-
tion force of the sex acts.^{1/}

18 ^{1/} For purposes of "instant" analyses, Amicus has attached to this
19 brief at Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" an accurate "Continuity" and
20 "Time-and-Motion Study" of the film, "Debbie Does Dallas," which is
21 a part of the record in this case. The "continuity" is an accurate
22 reproduction of the sound portion of the film, identifying the ac-
23 tors, their roles and what they say as the film progresses. Visual
24 screen depictions are recorded by still camera photographs repro-
25 duced at the point in the dialogue where such images appear, creat-
26 ing a miniature screen effect. The story line is timed from begin-
27 ning to end to identify those scenes in point of time. The "time-
28 and-motion study" consists of a chronological series of photographs
timed in their relative order of appearance, depicting fairly and
accurately the conduct visually portrayed on the motion pic-
ture screen by such film. The "time-and-motion study" which appears
at Appendix "B" is a 4-1 photographic reduction of the original
time-and-motion study (which is much clearer in detail), a copy of
which is being lodged with the clerk of this Court, concurrently
with the filing of this amicus curiae brief.

The fact findings of Judge Griesa, when read in the light
of the background facts appearing in the "Continuity" and "Time-and-
Motion Study" demonstrate that the trial judge considered the film

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RE: STEPHEN TROTT
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NOTE: While TROTT was the United States Attorney, Central District of California at Los Angeles, California, he declined to prosecute the individuals responsible for transporting and displaying hard-core motion picture films on the Campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara. Reason: Believed the case would fail because of "Community Standards".

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Growing Older in America

Prosecutor: 'I've Lost My Belief in People as Honest'

By JERRY COHEN,
Times Staff Writer

Stephen Trott, 40, a former Los Angeles County deputy district attorney who headed one of the district attorney's branch offices after having been chief deputy district attorney for four years, is tall, dark-haired and Ivy League-handsome, a Harvard Law School product. During his college years, he sang professionally and played guitar with the Highwaymen, a group probably best remembered for "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore." He has a boggling array of interests, outside his job, including legerdemain.

I never really thought too much about it (age) before I became 40. When my birthday rolled around, it just sort of crept up and happened. And I've thought about it (being 40) since. It does sort of stand in my

This is another in a series about growing older in today's America. Not old. Merely older. These reports derive from conversations conducted over a yearlong period. The subjects' age and circumstances are the ones that prevailed at the time of the interviews.

own mind as a line of demarcation.

I think it underscores the fact that the only place you can really find true infinity is on a camera lens. And not in life. It brings home that one does have a finite existence.

As somebody said much better than I: "Life is not a dress rehearsal."

You've got 40 years behind you. And, if you're lucky, only 40 years in front. So it causes you to think about where you are, where you've been and where you're going.

And where are you now?

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MARIANNA DIAMOS

It started with my fingernails. When I was in college, I always watched my fingernails. Because you use fingernails to play the guitar . . . I've always watched my fingernails. And it just moved up to my hands.

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Well, professionally, I'm very happy with my work. I always have been. This has been a fine office to work for. It's provided a thousand challenges, all new and different every year.

But, by the same token, one wonders if one wants to remain within the same place doing basically the same thing for the rest of one's professional career. Now, literally, I've done about damned near everything there is to do in this office except actually be district attorney.

If something else should arise that looked interesting, I might be inclined to move toward it. But I don't see a lot of stuff right now that looks all that interesting.

After having put in 15 years, gone up to chief deputy and then stepped back last September and arrived at my 40th birthday, it's sort of like I'm stepping back a little bit from the whole matter and trying to be more of an observer than just a participant in my own life. And think of things in terms of personal goals and objectives for the years ahead. Rather like a football player when the ball is hiked—I grab it and run through the line with my head down.

I feel like, in a sense, somebody's just opened the door on something and I'm kind of looking through. What's there?

But as you get older, don't your options decrease?

That's right, they decrease. One of the things I've always been aware of is trying to keep my options as open as possible. My mother used to say, "Never fore-close your options too early. When you go to school, when you're doing things, keep them wide open. Take a lot of courses."

But that option of keeping your options open begins to fade as time passes. Because certain options aren't realistic anymore.

Notice a tailing off of your concentration in 15 years on the job?

Probably so. What I discovered years ago that, in order to really think well, I have to be in good physical shape. And the better physical shape one is in, the better one is able to concentrate and do mental work.

Maybe I'm extrapolating and generalizing from my own situation, but when I'm healthy, when I'm in shape, when my weight is down, when I've been swimming and things like that, I work much more efficiently. The body seems to generate the energy.

I watch things very carefully. I don't smoke. I really don't drink. Maybe one or two beers a month. I exercise constantly. I generally watch out for myself.

Was there a time when you didn't watch out? If so, what did you notice?

Oh, yeah. Absolutely. My weight went up to 212 pounds. I got colds easily. I got pneumonia, the flu and just felt really run-down.

I got up one day and looked at myself in the mirror and couldn't believe it. And I lost 35 pounds playing squash. And I've kept my weight below 190 ever since.

Any shift in your values?

Not really. I've remained relatively constant.

I'm not an example of someone who was a flaming liberal in college who all of a sudden got older and got responsibilities and said, "Boy, things are different."

I'm not somebody who didn't believe in the death penalty and now, because of all the criminals that I've seen, I do. I always had basic economic and political and social and governmental beliefs, even when I was in high school, that are still almost the same as I have now.

I did not believe in big government. I did not believe in over-regulation by government. I believe in personal privacy, liberty and things like that.

If anything I've become maybe a little bit more critical of government intrusion into everything.

Even though I work for a section of government that might intrude into behavior. (Laugh.) I still think the government has gotten its nose in far too much.

How about people?

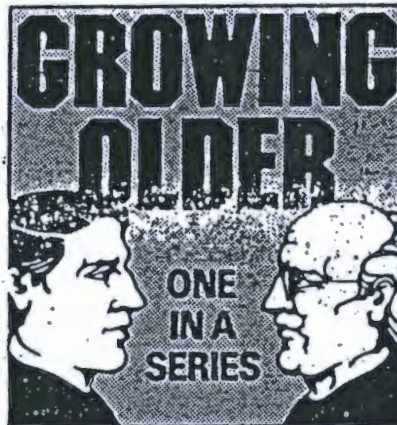
I used to have an attitude that all people were basically good and when they weren't it represented a deviation from the norm. And that people were basically honest and socially oriented and, if they were off target someplace, you could

bring them back. That's gone.

I don't believe that anymore at all. I think there are incredible numbers of basically sociopathic evil people that live around us who commit crimes just at random and who don't care about other people. Who would steal them blind or kill them and lie without even a second thought. And we don't have any chance at all of rehabilitating them.

Our only chance of handling people like that is to lock them up in warehouses and get them away from us. I've seen a steady train of people through the court system in the last 15 years who represent as much a threat to the people walking around out there and living in these neighborhoods as cancer, tuberculosis and typhoid. I've watched them over and over again. And I've lost my basic belief that all people are honest—if you give them

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a chance.

Then you once were an idealist?

Very much so. And I suppose it reflected a very happy childhood, in a sense. An exposure to people who could basically be trusted. I was rarely lied to or deceived, growing up.

I dealt with people and had friends who were reliable and trustworthy. Now I've gotten into an environment where every day I cope with people who aren't reliable and who aren't trustworthy. And I've seen just seen enough to know that, in my judgment, there are just a lot of basically evil, bad people. And I think that a lot of people who look at quote, unquote criminals as misguided—and people who can be dealt with medically or educationally or something like that—God, bless them, because I think they are nice people, but I think they are dead flat wrong.

And a lot of the monkey business that the criminal justice system has indulged in over the last 20 years, in order to try to extend an optimistic viewpoint to people (criminals) to give them a second chance has been, at best, counterproductive and, at worst, dangerous to a lot of innocent people. We recycle killers and rapists, muggers and child molesters every day.

When did you lose your idealism in that respect?

It happened some time after I had been in office for five years and before I had been in office for 10. But the first five years people would ask me, "Well, have you

If you are not an idealist by the time you are 20 you don't have a heart, but if you are still an idealist by 30 you don't have a head.

—Randolph Bourne

gotten pessimistic about your fellow man and do you see a burglar behind every bush or a robber behind every gun?"

And I honestly said, "No."

And there was something—I'm sure it's just a constant exposure to the carnage and to the dead bodies and to the blood and to the raped people and to the families destroyed by this kind of thing—where I kind of like woke up one day and I realized that I had changed my view of people.

I'm relatively cautious of people. I don't expect the worse. But I have a sort of dual approach to things now. I hope for the best. But I'm not at all surprised when I don't get it.

Think you'll continue to be excited about trying cases as you get still older?

Well, it's hard to say. I think so. Because I see lawyers that age who try cases and seem to like what they are doing. But it's difficult to say.

I've always been told the game of trying cases is a young person's sport. And the actuaries of insurance companies will tell you that trial lawyers beat themselves to death and burn out. And it's a possibility.

As I said before, I know how to cope better with the stresses of trying cases.

See, I'm not worried about winning and losing. My own ego is not nearly as tied up in winning and losing as it was 15 years ago when I started.

And I see this in young lawyers. They want to be successful. They don't want to look bad. They want to

look competent. And losing is sort of a threat. To your own view of yourself, the other's peoples' view of you.

I've gotten kicked on my ass a hundred times. And I'm just not worried about that now. I do the best I can and the result comes or, doesn't. Sometimes I'm disgusted with myself, disgusted with the result. But it is almost an instantaneous thing. And I close the door and go on to something else.

When did you arrive at that accommodation?

Sometime between five and 10 years in office.

All of a sudden, you wake up one day and you see other people doing what you used to do. I spend a lot of time talking to the younger people. Trying to get them to develop a little bit more of a perspective. Trying to get them to believe that the sun isn't going to fall out of the sky if they don't get this drunk driver convicted. That doesn't mean you turn off the gas or lessen down on the power. You just view it slightly differently, and everything isn't a threat to the universe if it doesn't come out absolutely right.

That comes with experience. Years ago, I used to wonder, "What is all this talk about experience? Why do you have to be experienced?"

Now that I've been in the job for 15 years—involved in subpoenaing President Nixon for Watergate cases and indicting John Ehrlichman and people like that—I've been there. I've been through a lot of stuff. It's like raising a second child after the first. It's a different experience. I'm now raising my 13th and 14th kid—professionally. And I consider myself fairly adept at the whole thing.

Notice any changes in appearances?

White's beginning to develop in my hair a little bit.

Rather it didn't?

Not in the sense that I mind white in my hair. But, like I said before, it symbolizes the closing in on things, the inevitable. And it points out that your life isn't going to go on forever. The white doesn't bother me. It's what it means.

I know that sometime within the next 10 years I will probably notice a definite decline in my body. I talked to my father-in-law and he says that, after a while, something is always broken or not working right.

There are so many things that I like to do. Like dancing and running around and jumping around, that are physically very active.

I'm very conscious that I could do some injury to myself or that something could happen that could prevent me from engaging in this for the rest of my life. I guess I kind of see a physical threshold.

When I was 18, nothing could happen. If you broke it, it got better. Doctors were people who made things better.

In the last 20 years, I've discovered that there are a lot of things that don't get better and that doctors aren't magicians. You know, when you were a kid, you think a doctor's a magician. Something is wrong, you go to a doctor, he gives you a pill, it gets better.

Now, I'm acutely aware that is not the the case.

Like my hands, for example. I try to take extremely good care of my hands. I'm very aware of my hands when I'm doing things.

I've been invited to play handball. I won't go anywhere near it.

I wear gloves when I work, when I'm sawing. I do a lot of sawing with power saws and hammering—things like that. One hundred percent of the time I am conscious where my hands are and what I'm doing with them. Because I use my hands for so much.

In magic, it's all hands. Manipulation and stuff like that. I played the guitar since I was 18 years old. If I bash a finger, saw off a finger or something like that, forget ever playing the guitar. Which is very important to me. So I'm very acutely aware of the value of my hands. And I watch it.

It's funny. It started with my fingernails. When I was in college, I always watched my fingernails. Because

you use fingernails to play the guitar. I was making a lot of money in it. I've always watched my fingernails. And it just moved up to my hands.

Addendum: A few months after this conversation, President Reagan appointed Stephen Trott to be U.S. attorney for the Central District of California. More recently, the U.S. Senate confirmed him as head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division in Washington.

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September 22, 1983

The Honorable Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

As discussed with Joyce, attached is the letter that has gone to all who attended the meeting with the President on the enforcement of the federal obscenity laws.

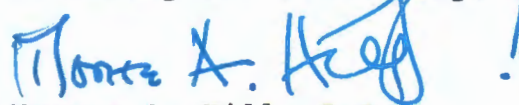
It has been six months since the meeting and we have seen no progress.

Nothing will happen until the country knows that the President wants enforcement of the laws. This is why, in our original resolution we asked for a public statement. We are concerned, as indicated in this letter that the country will reach total decadence by the end of the century unless something is done now.

I am also attaching the page from the Briefing Book we presented to the President and which contains the resolution.

We will be meeting with Steve Galebach on the 30th, and I would appreciate a few minutes of your time if you are free, late in the afternoon of that day.

Sincerely and Gratefully,



Morton A. Hill, S.J.

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P.S. Joyce entered me on your calendar for a 4:30 appointment on September 30th.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Proposed Presidential Action

36 leaders at the July 27 White House Anti-Obscenity Conference unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President of the United States be requested to indicate publicly that prosecution of the Federal laws relating to the mailing, importing, broadcasting and interstate transportation of obscenity is a matter of utmost importance; and to direct the Attorney General to issue instructions to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and all United States Attorneys to make this a matter of prime concern.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such instructions authorize and encourage all United States Attorneys to institute criminal proceedings of violations of such laws brought to their attention by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service and United States Customs.

It is respectfully suggested that the Resolution be implemented, and that the heads of the enforcement agencies involved be given copies of such instructions with the request they inform all FBI Agents, Postal Inspectors and on-line Customs officials of the issuance of such instructions. The October 4 memorandum of the Attorney General was apparently not disseminated to the latter.

It is further suggested that, since there are four enforcement agencies involved, a coordinator be appointed, either from White House or Justice personnel; and that he or she be a person who will bring a fresh, new and committed approach to the matter of vigorous enforcement of Federal obscenity laws.



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September 19, 1983

Reverend Morton A. Hill, S.J.
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Dear Father Hill:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 14, 1983 addressed to Archbishop Flores concerning Federal anti-obscenity laws. The Archbishop is currently in Rome attending the Consultation of Bishops, after which he will be a participant in the Roman Synod. We do not expect him to return until the early part of November, at which time we will have your letter on his desk.

May God continue to bless you in your ministry.

Sincerely,

David Garcia

Reverend David Garcia
Secretary to Archbishop Flores

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September 26, 1983

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

May God's Peace and Love be with you!

I can only imagine the large number of vital issues that are placed on your desk each day, many of which demand your immediate attention and action. For this reason, I pray for you each day that Our God will bless you with wisdom and strength to make the proper decisions in guiding our nation and to a large extent, many areas of the world.

I am likewise well aware of the deep concern which you have expressed over the growing problem of pornography in our land. It should be comforting for you to know that millions of Americans stand ready to assist you in wiping out the six billion dollar pornography traffic that is already reaching our children and threatening the very foundations of our society. I write to assure you of my support and my prayers in this vital issue that touches the quality of life of all people, and once again to ask you to direct the Attorney General of our land to enforce the Federal Anti-Obscenity Laws. Only in this way can we begin publically to eliminate this cancer that threatens to erode the moral fibre of our people.

Thanking you for listening to this request, while assuring you and your family of my continual prayers for your well being, I am,

Respectfully,



Robert F. Sanchez
ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE



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September 20, 1983

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Personally, and in the name of the more than 75,000 Catholic citizens of Middle and East Tennessee, I wish to thank you for setting up a White House Working Group on Pornography.

Indeed, this is a deadly virus that is threatening the very moral life of our country - especially our youth. No country can long endure this scourge that exploits the sacredness and social responsibility of human sexuality on which the stability of family and all social life greatly depends.

The sooner you make a public announcement about your concern and action in this matter - the better off our nation will be. You have my full support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

James D. Niedergeses
Bishop of Nashville

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cc: The Reverend Morton A. Hill, S.J.

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September 27, 1983

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Dear Father Hill:

Please accept my sincere and appreciative thanks
for your note of September 21st together with its
enclosure.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Cardinal Keel
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

September 26, 1983

MOST REVEREND ODORE J. GENDRON, D.D.
Bishop

MOST REVEREND ROBERT E. MULVEE, J.C.D.
Auxiliary Bishop

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

~~Once again I am writing you to request your support for~~
a program of vigorous enforcement of existing Federal anti-obscenity laws. Pornography in the United States has become a serious national concern and strong efforts are needed now to curb its effects in our country. A first step would be to enforce the laws which are already on the books. Our efforts, however, cannot stop there.

Your recent appointment of a White House Working Group on Pornography is also a beginning, and I urge you to make a public announcement to this effect. Unless such an announcement is made I fear the group will be unable to take any serious action.

Your vigorous leadership in this fight against pornography in the United States is most important at this moment in the life of our nation.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

September 23, 1983

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Rev. Morton A. Hill, S.J.
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~~Dear Father Hill:~~

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I have sent to President Reagan requesting his vigorous enforcement of existing Federal anti-obscenity laws. Pornography is a serious national concern, and I thank you for your important efforts in this regard. Be assured of my support.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

+ Odoré J. Gendron

Bishop of Manchester

Enclosure

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September 23, 1983

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for setting up the new White House Working Group on Pornography with Stephen H. Galebach as Coordinator in response to my recent appeal and that of others. I do note, however, that no public announcement of your action has been made. It would be most helpful in this matter of national concern to have your public direction for the Attorney General's enforcement of existing Federal obscenity laws.

With my prayers for you and all your work,

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend John L. May
Archbishop of Saint Louis



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September 23, 1983

C
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20013

Dear Mr. President:

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I know that His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, has been among many religious leaders and citizens of our nation who have conveyed to you their concern regarding the proliferation of pornography in our society. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for your response to such a concern, by forming a White House Working Group on Pornography, and I share your hope that those government agencies which are represented on this group will become effective in combating pornography.

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It is my understanding that as yet no public announcement has been made regarding the establishment of this group, and I would urge that this group's existence and mission be brought to the attention of the public. I sincerely hope that this group's work, coupled with the concern of so many citizens, and vigorous enforcement of existing federal obscenity laws will be effective in helping to eradicate this blight on our society.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you in the many responsibilities which are yours.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

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Sincerely yours,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

bcc: Reverend Morton A. Hill, S.J. ✓

Diocese of Great Falls - Billings
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"I have come that you may have life" - John 10:10

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September 23, 1983

Rev. Morton A. Hill, S.J.
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Dear Father Hill:

Thank you for your letter of September 14th, 1983 regarding the request to write to the President and to encourage him to state publicly that the concern for pornography is a matter of national concern and that he direct the Attorney General to enforce existing Federal obscenity laws. I am enclosing a copy of that letter.

I appreciate also the statement that you forwarded to me urging our people to write letters of support to the President for the current concern he has expressed to religious leaders about the traffic in pornography. I am sharing that statement with our people.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Murphy

Most Rev. Thomas J. Murphy
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

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Diocese of Great Falls - Billings

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September 23, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear President Reagan:

As Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Montana, I would like to urge you to indicate publicly that the enforcement of Federal anti-obscenity laws is a matter of prime concern. I would urge you moreover to direct the Attorney General to make it a matter of such concern and would likewise urge you to appoint a coordinator to pull together the work of the four enforcement agencies involved.

Your own leadership in this matter is essential and critical for the welfare of our country now and in the years ahead.

Thanking you for your concern regarding this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Thomas J. Murphy
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings



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September 22, 1983

Rev. Morton A. Hill, S.J.,
President
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Dear Rev. Hill:

Bishop Harold J. Dimmerling asked me to write regarding the letter you sent to him on September 14th.

Throughout the nearly 14 years of his episcopacy, Bishop Dimmerling has addressed the matter of "sins of the flesh." His words have been well received.

What the bishop has asked me to request from you is a definition of what constitutes pornography. The bishop has, from time to time, used the Supreme Court definition for obscenity, but now he wishes to get a definition for pornography. People hear the word so often, they don't always stop and think what it actually is. Thus, the bishop's request.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Brian T. Olszewski
Brian T. Olszewski, Director
Office of Communications

cc: Bishop Dimmerling



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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

May I first express deep appreciation to you for your public enforcement of the Federal anti-obscenity laws. I do appreciate your concern and that you have directed the Attorney General to make this a matter of prime concern also and for having a coordinator appointed for pulling together the work of the four enforcement agencies involved.

I just want to support you and to ask that you direct the Attorney General to enforce existing Federal obscenity laws. I know that such action would be of great benefit to all the citizens of our country.

With my appreciation, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley Joseph Ott
Stanley Joseph Ott
Bishop of Baton Rouge

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September 22, 1983

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of July 7, 1983. Fr. Efthimiou, my representative to the March meeting with you and the directors of the Justice Department informed me how admirable your response was to the burgeoning traffic in pornography and obscenity which, in our time, has reached a stage of crisis.

Thank you, Mr. President, for responding to the recommendations made at that meeting and in setting up a Working Group at the White House to coordinate investigation and enforcement of the Federal anti-obscenity laws. Since most recently I am informed that pornography is now moving into the home by way of cable television which will have tremendous negative impacts on our young and our families which will do nothing less than drive countless of souls away from Christ, it is imperative that the people of this nation hear from the President of the United States publicly on this matter,

I understand that members of the committee will have met with Mr. Steve Galebach, your personal appointment as liaison with the White House on September 20th. I also understand that following this meeting, a public announcement will be forthcoming. It is my feeling that this public announcement is imperative since nationwide serious action against the evil of obscenity depends on it.

Know that I join many others in praying for you and yours as you lead this country during these difficult times.

Paternally yours,

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Bishop of Fairbanks

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September 19, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I know that you feel personal concern over the prevalence of Pornography in the public media. May I request that you make a public statement that this is a matter not only of personal, but National concern. I ask that you direct the Office of the Attorney General to vigorously enforce the existing public obscenity laws.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Whelan SJ

Robert L. Whelan, S.J.
Bishop of Fairbanks

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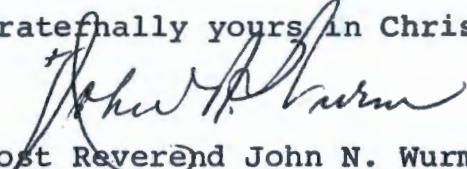
Dear Father Hill:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 14, 1983 in which you apprise us of the continuing erosion of morality due to the efforts of various cable TV syndicates featuring pornographic films.

Be assured I shall write the President again. Be assured, too, that I will bring to the attention of our people in Southern Illinois the statement that you enclosed and at the same time encourage them to, in turn, write our President.

Asking God's blessing upon your priestly endeavors and extending to you my warmest personal regards, I am

Fraternaly yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John N. Wurm
Bishop of Belleville



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Diocese of Richmond

September 21, 1983

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

I have previously written to you regarding my concern about the spread of pornography here in the United States. In most of your speeches, you speak of peace through strength and peace through justice. Our country will never be strong if our young people are bombarded so readily with pornographic literature and explicit sex on T.V. Sexual exploitation of the young will have a more detrimental effect on the young people of our country than all the communist propoganda in the world.

In March of this year, you expressed to a small group your concern about the traffic in pornography. You look to the religious community to raise its voice in opposition. I urge you also to raise your voice and provide the leadership so that laws against trafficking in pornography will be enforced.

Thanks very much for making this issue a priority in your presidency, I am

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter F. Sullivan", with a flourish at the end.

Walter F. Sullivan
Bishop of Richmond

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September 19, 1983

Dear Father Hill,

Many thanks for your letter of September 14th in regard to pornography in the United States.

Do be assured of my support and the support of the entire Diocese of Fargo in writing letters for vigorous enforcement of the Federal anti-obscenity laws.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Justin A. Driscoll*
Bishop Justin A. Driscoll
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September 20, 1983

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of The United States
The White House,
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Both as a concerned citizen as well as a religious leader of this country, I feel morally obligated to write to you regarding my deep concern pertaining to the burgeoning traffic in pornography that is now sweeping our country. Not only is this available in print but now has even invaded the living rooms of our homes via cable television. This latest misuse of the television medium is a brash assault on all of us, but especially on our young.

I am well aware of your personal concern in regard to this matter and am extremely grateful. But I believe now is the time to publicly voice your concern as chief law enforcer of this our beloved country. Your public support will enhance the enactment of more stringent laws and the enforcement of the already established federal anti- obscenity laws.

Mr. President. As history can testify, the soul of our nation is at stake.

Sincerely yours,

Basil H. Losten

Most Reverend Basil H. Losten
Bishop of Stamford

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C O P Y: Father Morton A. Hill, S.J.

September 16, 1983

Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

Permit me to express my prayerful gratitude for the strong position you have taken against pornography as it affects all our fellow citizens, but in particular our children. I know that the million and a half Catholics in our Diocese join me in this expression of thanks.

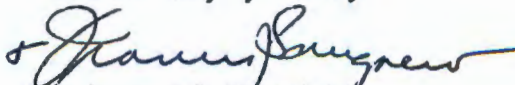
I believe that the formation of a White House Working Group on Pornography is a move in the right direction. It is our hope that it will move quickly, with your public support, to suppress the devastating traffic in pornography.

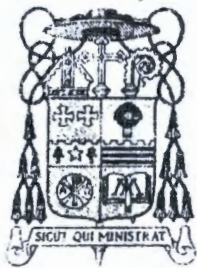
At the same time, I believe that it is crucial that the Attorney General be directed by you to vigorously enforce existing Federal obscenity laws.

I assure you of my support in this important matter.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


Bishop of Brooklyn



DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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September 16, 1983

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I share the concern of our people with the growing threat of pornography in their neighborhoods, and even in their homes through the potential of the Playboy Channel and similar television channels. It seems quite clear that a number of children and adolescents are being drawn into contact with pornography through these sources.

I speak for our priests and people in expressing gratitude for your forming some months ago a White House Working Group on Pornography with representatives from the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Post Office and the Customs with Stephen H. Galebach of the White House Office of Policy Development acting as Executive Secretary of the Group. We would hope that the work of this group could be given some publicity in the near future to encourage citizen response and support to efforts to control this evil. Of special concern is our desire that you direct the Attorney General to enforce existing Federal obscenity laws where these prevail. I am positive that many appreciative citizens would applaud this move on your part.

Sincerely grateful for all you can do to stop the spread of this evil in our fair land, and with all prayerful good wishes, I am

Devotedly in the Lord,

Most Reverend William G. Connare
Bishop of Greensburg